

(48) IGHTHAM / WEST PARK of WROTHAM

Parish: small portion Ightham, Wrotham

Earliest reference: 1283 Archbishop of Canterbury custumal (Semple)

Ownership:

1333 Archbishop of Canterbury > 1530s Crown, by forced exchange, lessees Willoughby of Bore Place > unknown when Crown withdrew but seems to have been acquired by the Willoughby > c.1600-1627 William James purchased manor of Ightham

Size: 1283 = 132a (Semple): 1620 = 138a (Semple)

Documentary evidence:

1333 CPR 444, 22 March, Deer hunted and carried away

1519 PCC Will Manor of Ightham under lease to Sir Robert Rede

1583 TNA Assize Calendar no.1368 Lamb stolen in park

1660 CKS U830 T6/1&2, 99 year lease of E park, Wrotham, James to Bate, 180a, exception Ightham park in tenure of James and John Martyn

Secondary evidence:

Arch.Cant. XLVIII (1936:169,179)

Arch.Cant. XLIX (1937:1)

Arch.Cant. LXXXIII (1968:111)

Arch.Cant. CXXVIII (2008:179-209) *'The Medieval Deer Parks of Wrotham'* by Semple Charlton (1951:24) *The Family of Charlton of Wrotham*

du Boulay (1966:215,232-233) *Lordship of Canterbury*

du Boulay (1964:284,290) *Kent Records XVIII* - lease of 1524, permission to dispark Girouai (26 June 1958), *Country Life*, article 'Ightham Court'

Ightham Parish Council, loose notes in papers kept in Ightham Village Hall. Extracts transcribed from *Ightham Manorial Records* by Edward Harrison and others (p.141)

Lambarde (1576, 1596 – disparked)

Nichols (ed.) (1859:267) *Narratives of the Days of the Reformation*

Semple talk notes of 14 March 2006

Maps:

1620 CKS U681 P31 Estate map shows park as fields

Fieldwork:

OS Explorer (2½inch to mile) TQ595576 Ightham Court

6,14 August 2005, 19 April 2007 – All boundaries looked at and can be traced and put on modern OS. Good banked ditch along part of N boundary, bank along S and ditch along most of E.

Acknowledgements:

Dr Paul Cornelius, David Fuller, Jayne Semple, Dr Jean Stirk

(49) KEMSING**Parish:** Kemsin

Not in Lambarde or on the early maps, probably disparted in 1520s when leases to several people granted

Earliest reference: 1236 (Cal.Close 1234-7, 257) LC

Ownership:

1236 Eleanor Countess of Pembroke (Close Rolls) > to Crown under Henry III >
1525 Crown granted to Sir Thomas Boleyn > 1559 Crown to Baron Hunsdon, Henry Carey (CPR) > 1618 Hunsdon sold to Richard Earl of Dorset (CKS U269/T1)

Size: 1530 = 160a (BL Harl 83H.35)

Documentary evidence:

1366 CPR Earl marshal to get earlof Pembroke's park at Kemsing
1525 BL Harl 86G54 From Boleyn to Tebold to several men park of Sele and Kemsing
1526 BL Harl 86H16 Grant from Boleyn trustees for the several to gain possession
1530 BL Harl 83H35 Sir Thomas Boleyn granted 160a land called Park of Seal and Kemsing to John Tebold
1551 BL Harl 86H53 Polley to Tebold 200 marks for land called Tomlyn's park in Seal
1559 CPR I p.115, 20 March, Male tail grant to Baron Hunsdon, Henry Carey, of manor and lands of Seal and Kemsing granted to Anne of Cleves for life
1578 CPR no.3636, p.533, 21- year lease Manwood and 3 others for lands in Kemsing and Seal now imparked in parks of Otford and Knole for the enlargement thereof, by surrender of Tebold's lease of 1512 & 1537
1618 CKS U269 T1 (Sackville) Sold to Richard Earl of Dorset from Carey & Boteler manors of Sevenoaks, Seal, Kemsing and old park and other land in Seal and Kemsing granted to Anne of Cleves, for £2900 to Lord Hunsdon
1619 CKS U269 T1 (Sackville) Earl of Dorset requests Crown grant various lands to Sir Henry Carey which Boteler then pays for and assigns elsewhere - Cage, Postern, Northfrith (Tonbridge), manor of Sevenoaks, old park and Lovatt land in Kemsing and Seal
1625 CKS U269 T1 (Sackville) Edward earl of Dorset, Rivers and others buy back from Smith including Knole house and park, Panthurst park, land called Old Park in Seal and Kemsing
1629 CKS U269 T1 (Sackville) Edward Earl of Dorset and others repay Smith of 1625 to regain all lands
c.1650 CKS U269 E48 (Sackville) Outlines mortgage to Henry Smith for £10000 by Richard c.1610, and present Earl negotiating new rent, house and park rent £130, but value £100
1663 CKS U269 E28 (Sackville) Gamekeepers appointment for birds, conditions, Knole, Kemsing, Seal

Secondary evidence:

Arch.Cant. CXVI (1996:329-332) 'The Medieval Park at Kemsing' by Bowden
Bowden (1994:17-25) *Story of Kemsing*
Fox, Williams & Mountfield (2007:14-14) *Seal – history of a parish*
Harris (1719:166) *History of Kent*
Hasted 3 (1797:54)

Maps:

Fieldwork:

OS Explorer (2½inch to mile) TQ550585 middle of park
Bowden (Arch.Cant. 1996) has traced boundaries.

Acknowledgements:**(50) KNOLE****Parish:** Sevenoaks

Earliest reference: 1468 bill for 1000 palings at 6s 8d. (Sackville-West, 1922 p.21)

Ownership:

1456 land bought by Thomas Bouchier, Archbishop of Canterbury, from William Fenys, Lord Say of the Seal (CKS U1450 T4/17) > 1480 gift of Knole to see of Canterbury (Ch.Ch.Cant.Regis, f213a) > 1537 Cranmer to Henry VIII (CKS U1450 T1/3) > 1549 Edward VI to Lord Seymour (CKS U1590 T1/4) > 1550 grant by Edward VI to Earl of Warwick (CKS U1590 T1/8) > 1556 Mary I to Cardinal Pole (CPR C66/899 mm24-25) > 1559 Elizabeth I to Henry Lord Hunsdon (CKS U269/E30) > 1561 Elizabeth I to Robert Dudley (Phillips) > 1566 Elizabeth I grant to Sir Thomas Sackville, reversion of manor of Knole, subject to lease granted by earl of Leicester to whom Knole had been granted in 1561, so it was not until 1603 that he came into possession (Phillips II p.398) > grandson Richard Sackville, earl of Dorset, d.1624, and remains in family

Size: 1544 = 74a (CPR): 1561 = 446a (Ward): 1611 = 550a (CKS U269 E66/1&2): 1614 = 550a (CKS U269/T1)

Documentary evidence:

1456 CKS U1450 T4/17 Land bought by Thomas Bouchier, Archbishop of Canterbury, from William Fenys, Lord Say of the Seal, which had been bought by his father William, Lord Say, from Rauf Legh
1471 LPL Archbishop's estates B Account roll no. 285 receiver's accounts
1480 LPL Ch.Ch.Cant.Regis, f213a Gift of Knole to see of Canterbury included profit that would come from the enclosed parklands – Knole and Panthurst most likely meant (Phillips)
1508 CKS U1450 E20/95 (Stanhope) Undated referring to rental of 1508 includes rent due out of Knole for land taken into park
1523 LPL MS 952(5) Parker of Knole's receipt £4+ for one year's fees
1537 CKS U1450 T1/3 (Stanhope) Cranmer to Henry VIII, wages of keepers of parks of Otford, Knole, Wrotham wherein deer now be
1541 Cal. Letters & Papers XVIII pt 1 p.691 King ordered repairs at Knole with park, with Otford bridge, standing pool, haymaking mentioned
1544 CPR 4 February, Tithe dispute with vicar of Sevenoaks settled, Knole = 74a
1547 CKS U1450 T6/27 (Stanhope) Edward VI manor of Knole and other lands in Kent to Lord Seymour, warrant for his execution 1548/9
1549 CKS U1475 E60 (dLD) Grant of keeping Knole house and herbage and pannage to Sir Robert Southwell
1549 CKS U1590 T1/6 (Stanhope) Letters Patent, Keeping of Knole house and of herbage and pannage to Robert Southwell
1549 CKS U1590 T1/4 (Stanhope) Patent grant by Edward VI to Lord Seymour of manor of Knole and other lands
1550 CKS U1590 T1/8 (Stanhope) Grant by Edward VI to Earl of Warwick castle, manors

of Knole, Sevenoaks, Hadlow, Britons, Panthurst, Northfrith, Southfrith
1552 CKS U1450 T5/67 (Stanhope) Lease Duke of Northumberland to Sir George Harper and Thomas Culpepper of Knole manor (not house and park), Northfrith, Cage, Postern, Panthurst for 40 years
1553 CKS U1450 T7/87A & B (Stanhope) Patent of office of keeping Knole Park, Edward VI to Sir Henry Sidney
1553/4 CPR m.14 p.8 John Duke of Northumberland exchanged Otford for Knole
1554 CPR, 19 June, Joan duchess of Northumberland surrenders manors and the parks Panthurst, Knole, Southfrith, Northfrith, Postern, and Cage and is then granted them for life
1555 BL Harl 75E31 Inspection of indenture Dudley to Harper and Culpepper
1555 BL Harl75H23 Lease Pole to Harper and Culpepper includes Northfrith, Postern, Cage, Panthurst, but not Knole Park or Halden
1556 CKS U1450 T5/69 (Stanhope) After Northumberland's attainder Edward VI granted to Harper and Culpepper the lands of the 1552 lease for 40 years.
1556 CPR 66/899 mm24-25 To Cardinal Pole, lands called le Park at Maidstone in tenure of Henry Smyth, all kinds of deer and wild beasts in the said park. Also with numerous others lands, park of Saltwood; house and site of late monastery of St Augustine near walls of Canterbury, the park called Canterbury Park adjacent to the house; the parks of Aldington and Otford; the park of Knoll late parcel of lands of John, Duke of Northumberland, attained.
1556 CKS U1450 T6/28 (Stanhope) List of land grants including mention of Pole getting Knole
1559 CKS U269 E30 (Sackville) Royal grant of Knole manor to Henry Lord Hunsdon by Elizabeth I
1560 CKS U1450 F41 (Stanhope) Suspicious hunters backside of Knole Park
1561 CKS U1450 T6/29 (Stanhope) Letter patent Knole fee simple grant to Robert Dudley includes parks at Knole and Panthurst park etc.
1566 CKS U1450 T6/30 (Stanhope) Sublet by Dudley to Rolfe and Lovelace + Panthurst Park, with conditions, enclosed ground with deer and conies and Panthurst enclosed park (no mention of deer, conies here)
1566 CPR C66/1025 no.2567, 29 June, Grant to Robert Dudley who will return Knole – exchange of lands. Dudley sells back to Crown for various reversions and other considerations
1568 CKS U269 T1 (Sackville) Lovelace conveys interest via Rolfe in manor and park of Knole, Panthurst to Morbell
1570 CKS U269 T1 (Sackville) Rolfe deceased has willed his share of lease to Lovelace and John Dudley, assigns Knole, Panthurst to Thomas Sackville, Lord Buckhurst, deer and conies mentioned for Knole, not Panthurst
1570 U1450 T6/12 (Stanhope) Knole mansion and park, enclosed park of Panthurst to John Lennard
1571 U269 T1 (Sackville) Lovelace via Rolfe to Trevor to take possession of Knole and Panthurst to convey to Sir Thomas Sackville under document of 18 July 1570
1587 TNA SP12/197/19 & SP12/197/197/32, Killing deer at Otford, one of hunters slain, also hunted in Knole – Williams examined; later entry Williams and Couchman examined for Otford
1589 TNA Assize 35/32/4 no.1806 When tracking poachers, keepers mistake each others' identity, one keeper killed by another keeper
1592 CKS U269 C1/1 Magdalen College obtaining venison on Sackville's request
1599 CKS QM/SI 1599/24/2 Assault on park keepers
1603 CKS U269 T1 (Sackville) Lennard sells lease of Knole and Panthurst to Sackville,

except for running subleases (this document clarifies the previous ones)

1603/4 CKS U269 A2/1 (Sackville) Account of steward of house mention of Knole park, Panthurst Park

1605 CKS QM/SRc 1605/193 Hunting rabbits ' in grounds of Duke of Dorset' (might not be park)

1605 CKS U269 T1 (Sackville) Earl of Dorset to Heydon and others grants use of whole estate, + Panthurst

1605 CKS U269 T1 (Sackville) Sale enrolled by Rowland White and John Williams of Knole house and park to Thomas Earl of Dorset

1610 CKS U269 T1 (Sackville) Rivers & Smith v. Amherst & Lyndsey recovery of manors of Knole and Panthurst, Richard Earl of Dorset vouchee

1610/11 CKS U269 E66/1&2 (Sackville) Survey of Earl of Dorset's lands, Knole house and 550a park; and Park meadow in manor of Bayhall; Groombridge House and land called park 225a; Panthurst Park; Redmillridge (near Groombridge) parcel of land called New Park 5a

1612 CKS U269 A2/2 (Sackville) Account of steward of house includes park references

1614 CKS U269 E66/3 (Sackville) Lands in various counties held towards payment of debts

1614 CKS U269 T1 (Sackville) Particular of manor of Knole, describes house, park with conies (no deer mentioned), 550a, and Panthurst park 390a

1615 CKS QM/SI 165/2/5 Hunting without licence

1615 CKS U269 T1 (Sackville) Richard Earl of Dorset to Howard, Rivers and others manors including Knole and Panthurst to recover debts, + counterpart

1618 CKS U269 T1 (Sackville) To Richard Earl of Dorset from Carey & Boteler manors of Sevenoaks, Seal, Kemsing and old park and other land in Seal and Kemsing

1619 CKS U269 T1 (Sackville) Earl of Dorset requests Crown grant various lands to Sir Henry Carey which Boteler then pays for and assigns elsewhere - Cage, Postern, Northfrith (Tonbridge), manor of Sevenoaks, old park and Lovatt land in Kemsing and Seal

1623 CKS U269 E23/1 Carp brought from Hever into Knole stew ponds

1623 CKS U269 A3 Accounts for gardens and building new kennel at Knole

1624 CKS U269 T1 (Sackville) Earl of Dorset agrees to sell manor of Knole, Knole park and Panthurst to Sir George Rivers and others; same date King to judge use of recovery Dorset v. Rivers and others

1625 CKS U269 T1 (Sackville) Smith and Edward Earl of Dorset, Rivers and others sell Knole house and park, Panthurst park, land called Old Park in Seal and Kemsing

1625/9 CKS U269/1 E66 (Sackville) Letter re gift to Sackville in Essex of a doe, reference to Lord Willoughby, not obvious Kent

1629 CKS U269 A41/1/17 (Sackville) Charge for setting up hop garden in park

1629 CKS U269 A41/1/2 (Sackville) Agistments of Knole Park, over 50 beasts mentioned

1629 CKS A41/1/11 (Sackville) Monies raised in Knole Park for agistment and conies, hops, grass

1629 CKS A41/1/16 (Sackville) Repair to park pales at Knole

1629 CKS U269 T1 (Sackville) Edward Earl of Dorset and others repay Smith of 1625 to regain all lands

1629/30 CKS U269 A41/1/1 (Sackville) Blome's account for year, includes massive work on pales for park, pale round hoptarden, warrener's bill, timber cutting and carriage in park

1630 CKS U269 A41/1/7, A41/1/13 (Sackville) Warrener's account, bill

1630 CKS U269 A41/1/5 (Sackville) Valuation of conies

1630 CKS U269 A41/14 (Sackville) Receipt for tithes for Knole Park

1630 CKS U269 A41/15 (Sackville) Lady Day half year charges of Knole Park

1630 CKS U269 A41/1/8 (Sackville) Summer agistments for Park, 83 beasts mentioned
 1630 CKS U269 A41/1 (Sackville) Winter agistments for Park, my lord and my lady's horses and others
 1634 CKS U269 T1 (Sackville) Royal protection for one year from all actions sureties by bond for Richard late Earl of Dorset
 1647 CKS U269 A41/2 (Sackville) Blome's Michaelmas quarter account, nothing obvious for park, price of oats influenced by near presence of soldiers; Midsummer quarter account, woodlooker's pay for Knole Park; Christmas quarter, fell timber in park; Blome's Midsummer disbursements, woodlooker's pay
 1648 CKS U269 A41/2 (Sackville) Money spent on provisions - beef, pork, poultry, no deer bought
 1648 CKS U269 A41/2 (Sackville) Blome's Christmas quarter account, key to park gate; woodlooker for park's pay, account for hopgarden
 1649 CKS U269 A41/2 (Sackville) Blome's midsummer quarter account, nothing obvious for park; Lady day quarter, woodlooker for park pay
 c. 1650 CKS U269 E48 (Sackville) Outlines mortgage to Henry Smith for £10000 by Richard c.1610, and present Earl negotiating new rent, house and park rent £130, but value £100

Secondary evidence:

Anon, *Guide to Knole* (1883:21) Chapter II - The park
 Arch.Cant. V (1862/3:28)
 Arch.Cant. IX (1874:xl)
 Arch.Cant. XXXVIII (1926:55)
 Arch.Cant XL. (1928:160)
 Arch.Cant. LXIII (1950:135)
 Arch.Cant. LXXXIX (1974:1)
 Arch.Cant CXXIII (2003:153-184) 'The development of the park and gardens at Knole' by Taylor
 Barrett-Lennard (1908:10-15,41-47,56-57,107,112-115,116-135,140-141,232-233) *An Account of the Families of Lennard and Barrett*
 Chalklin (1965:105) *Seventeenth Century Kent*
 Clarke and Stoyel (1975:111-123) *Oxford in Kent*
 Clifford (1990:51-62) *The diaries of Lady Anne Clifford*
 Cole (1999: 186-187) *Portable Queen*,
 du Boulay (1952:19-36) *Archbishop Cranmer and the Canterbury Temporalities*, English Historical Review LXVII
 Eland (1960:40) *Thomas Wotton's Letter-Book*
 Elder (C.1950:7) *Oxford Past and Present*
 English Heritage G419 *Historic Parks and gardens register*
 Everitt (1966:166) *The Community of Kent and the Great Rebellion 1640-1660*
 Fox (2002 on CD) *The History of Sevenoaks up to 1650*
 Fox, Williams & Mountfield (2007:39) *Seal – history of a parish*
 Harris (1719:278) *History of Kent*
 Hasted 1 (1797:269)
 Hasted 3 (1797:64-79)
 Holmes (1984reprint) *Proud Northern Lady: Lady Anne Clifford, 1590-1676*
 KCC SMR TQ 55 SW 17 - KE430 (deer park) TQ 55 SW 2 - KE 416 (house)
 Kingsford & Shaw (eds.) (1925:30) *Historical Manuscripts Commission Report on the Manuscripts of Lord De L'Isle and Dudley preserved at Penshurst Place*, 1

Lambarde (1576, 1596 – a deer park)
McKillop (1936:276-280) *A Chronicle of the Archbishops of Canterbury*
Nichols (ed.) (1859:234,265) *Narratives of the Days of the Reformation* (CamdenIX)
Owen (ed.) (1980:164) *Calendar of the Manuscripts of the Most Honourable the Marquess of Bath, volume V, Talbot, Dudley and Devereux papers 1533-1659*
Phillips, *The History of the Sackville Family* Vol. I (35, 216-221, 231-237, 262-272, 274-276) Vol. II (333-334, Appendix II p.390-401, XXXV additions and alterations)
Sackville-West (1923:58-61,65,74-75,78) *The diary of Lady Anne Clifford*
Sackville-West (c.1968:37) *National Trust guide of Knole*
Sackville-West (1922:7,20-21,39) *Knole and the Sackvilles*, Chapter II, Garden and Park
Steinman Steinman (1851:61) *Some Account of the Manor of Apuldrefield in the Parish of Cudham, Kent*
Stone (1965:515) *Crisis of the Aristocracy*,
Ward (1931:17,24-25,153-155,215,246,277-281) *Sevenoaks Essays*
Zell (2000:60) *Early Modern Kent*

Maps:

1575 Saxton
1576 Anonymous
1596 Symonson - named
1605 Norden
1611 Speed
c.1600 Gordon Ward map showing park in CKS also useful before fieldwork

Fieldwork:

OS Explorer (2½inch to mile) TQ540543 existing park, many changes,
15 October 2006, 2 October 2010 - Looked at present boundary on both sides of gatehouse and then tried to use footpaths to cross original boundaries - nothing significant came to light. Found proposed deer course and look at connection between garden and park.

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(51) LANGLEY, Beckenham **Parish:** Beckenham

Earliest reference: midC13th Quit claim (Hevey, but copy in BLS not located): 1623 Estate map (BL Maps 188.k.3[4])

Ownership:

1501 John Style of Ipswich, London mercer, bought Langley Park and remained in family until 1679 > 1499-1552 Sir Humphrey Style > 1558-1616 Edmund Style (son) > Sir Oliver Style d. 1622 (of Wateringbury, Borrowman) and Nicholas d. 1615 (brothers of above) > 1565-1624 William Style son of Edmund d.1626

Size:

Documentary evidence:

1768 Inquisition ad Quod Damnum gives boundaries, road diversion issue

Secondary evidence:

Arch.Cant. III (1860:191-193)
Borrowman (1910:205-215) *Beckenham Past and Present*
Copeland (1967:9) *The manors of old Beckenham*
Hasted 1 (1797:269)
Hevey (1994:50-51) *Early History of Beckenham*
Horsburgh (1929:235) *Bromley*
Macdonald, (c.1985:20-21) *The History of Langley Park Golf Club 1910-1985*
Tookey (c.1975:10) *The History of Langley Park, Beckenham*

Maps:

c1485 W Wickham, Hayes, Keston, part Bromley compiled from manorial records by Davis
1623 BL Maps 188.k.3(4) Estate map - area in fields, but several 'park' names - lodge, lawn, 4x park fields

Fieldwork:

OS Explorer (2½inch to mile) TQ384670 Langley Golf course
Very built up but still some of it open space including golf course. Glancing on map possible that road pattern formed round park.

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(52) LANGLEY, Maidstone **Parish:** Maidstone, Langley

Earliest reference: 1297 onwards (Cal.Pat. 1292-1301, 227)

Ownership:

Ownership unclear. 1297 William de Leybourne > 1336 William de Clinton granted licence by Edward III to enlarge park with 200a... > 1421 Crown (CPR) ... > 1570 William Isley to Martin Culthorpe (U1590 T14/12)

Size: 1297 = 200a + (Hasted): early C18th = 88a (Salmon)

Documentary evidence:

1297 Cal.Pat. 1292-1301, 227 William de Leybourne's park hunted while he was in Gascony – 2 entries
1335 CPR, Exchange 200a so park could be enlarged by 200a
1368 CPR 20 October, Parker 4d day and robe year
1374/76 E101/544/23 1368/69 Account for works includes Langley park
1383 CPR 1 October, Grant for life of park after death of previous custodian of park
1389 CPR 20 May, Custody of park sublet with confirmation
1399 CPR 30 October, Parker appointed
1421 CPR 14 November, Parker appointed by king
1444 CPR 26 April, Park back in royal hands after death of Henry cardinal of England and bishop of Winchester
1447 CPR 30 April, Grant to Thomas and Isabel Kent of manor and park of Langley in lieu of grant surrendered on 26 April 1444
1449 CPR 21 May, Confirmation of grant to Thomas and Isabel Kent who had at own expense fenced the park with gates and entries, with advowson of Langley church until

£200 expenses covered

1451 CPR 1 December, Another grant to the Kents getting appurtenances of park until cost of repairs covered

1451 Inquisitions Miscellaneous p.139 (Calendar) Kents have house, manor, keeping of park worth no more than 26s 8d

1452 CPR 20 March, Inquiry into true costs incurred by the Kents in repairing park and lodge

1570 U1590 T14/12 (Stanhope) William Isley to Martin Culthorpe manor of Sundridge, manor and park of Sutton Valence, manor and park of Langley, manor of Kingsnorth, to make void debt of £4000

Secondary evidence:

Lambarde (1576, 1596 – disparted: 199)

Salmon (1982:18-19) *A History of Chart Sutton*

Hasted 5 (1797:346-349)

Harris (1719:174) *History of Kent*

Kingsford & Shaw (eds.) (1925:237) *HMC Report on the Manuscripts of Lord De L'Isle and Dudley*

Maps:

Fieldwork:

OS Explorer (2½inch to mile) TQ797516 Langley Park Farm

Acknowledgements:

Anne Clinch

(53) LEE

Parish: Lee

Earliest reference: 1605 Exchequer bills 7 CI Trin.94

Ownership:

Crown and Stoddard see below

Size: 1648 = 336a (Hart p.29)

Documentary evidence:

1565 CPR 11 March, Lease of 21 years to George Stoddard of lands acquired by crown by exchange with late marquess of Dorset

1580 CPR Lease for life to George Stoddard for same lands held under 21-year lease from 1565

1605 Exchequer bills 7 CI Trin.94, James I asking Nicholas Stoddard, son of George, to add 100a of Crown land - paying tenants to end leases

1605 TNA E164/44/ff3-58 Mottingham - Stoddard land in Eltham survey (photo)

1605 TNA SP14/9/11 Warrant to pay Nicholas Stoddard £80 for his land taken into King's park

1609 TNA SP14/47/5a £600 each to Dacombe and Lee for redemption of estate into Eltham park

1609-1617 E178/3941 Sir Nicholas Stoddard outlines what he has done re new park

1622 SP14/128/112 Stoddard wants fee farm on land next to park he has on lease to enlarge

the park where King delights in hunting, injured by prohibition to fell trees
1622 SP14/130/83, 15 May Pleads in debt and can't pay free gift for Palatinate
1631/2 TNA E178/5365 No obvious park but refers to trees felled in king's ground
c.1620/21
1631/2 Charles I TNA Ind1/16824/94 Exchequer bill book, Registering case Stoddard v.
Lewine, Saunderson land in Lee. Stoddard expelled from land
Charles I TNA Ind1/16824/136 Exchequer bill book, Registering case Lewine, Saunderson
v. Stoddard land in Lee
1649 TNA LR2/196 Lee survey, park names but as fields

Secondary evidence:

Drake (1886:192-194,232-233) *Hasted's History of Kent - Hundred of Blackheath*
Gregory (1909:280-283) *Story of Royal Eltham*
Gregory & Nunn (1923:181-183) *The Story of Lee*
Hart (1882:29-37) *History of Lee*
Hasted 1 (1797:269)
Nichols (1977reprint:220) *Progresses of James I*

Maps:

1745 Rocque (Gregory & Nunn p.181)

Fieldwork:

OS Explorer (2½inch to mile) ?TQ419730 adjacent to Eltham parks - ?near Eltham College

Acknowledgements:

(54) LEEDS

Parish: Leeds

Earliest reference: 1278 (Letter Close 22 June TNA C.54/98)

Ownership:

Crown > 6 Edward VI fee simple to Sir Anthony St Leger (TNA SP10/14/47) > 1590s St.
Leger alienated to Sir Richard Smythe, 4th son of Customer Smythe, resided there until
1628

Size: 1608/9 = 500a (TNA LR2/218)

Documentary evidence:

1421 CPR 7 June, Gate and park keeper appointed 4½d daily
1437 CPR 8 January, Appointment of constable of castle and parker
1439 CPR 19 May, Appointment of John Steward as constable and parker
1439 CPR 5 November, Convent of Leeds have agistment of park for 20 years for rent but
John Steward had denied this and was taken to court, the convent had rights restored
1443 CPR 2 January, 2 others appointed constable and parker after death of John Steward
1449 CPR 3 December, Inquiry into defects in buildings, woods and other places in
lordship, castle and park of Leeds
1451 CPR 30 May, Life grant to Edward Nevill, lord Bergavenny, of survey, rule and
governance of castle and park of Leeds with free entry
1451 Inq. Misc. Leeds castle with park – in king's gift, office of parker wages and fees 3d
daily, dwelling in lodge within the park with profits and advantages usual for the office

1479 TNA E40/4967, E42/431 Land to king to enlarge Leeds park
1552 TNA SP10/14/47, p.42, Grant in fee farm to Sir Anthony Sentleger of castle, manor, park of Leeds
1608/9 TNA LR2/218 Survey of Leeds
1603 CKS U1475 E61 (dLD) Lease of Leeds Castle to Lord Buckhurst

Secondary evidence:

Cleggett (1992:23-79) *History of Leeds Castle and its Families*
Geoffrey-Lloyd & Wilson (1980:5-33) *Leeds Castle – a brief history*
Hasted 1 (1797:269)
Hasted 5 (1797:485-487) – mentions Sentleger sale to Smythe
KCC SMR TQ 85 SW 82 - KE9323
Kingsford & Shaw (eds.) (1925:237) *HMC Report on the Manuscripts of Lord De L'Isle and Dudley I*
Lambarde (1576, 1596 – a deer park)
Liddiard (2005:97-98,127) *Castles in Context*
Ryan (Winter 1993:41-51) 'The St. Legers of Ulcombe, Leeds Castle and Deal' in *Kent Recusant History* 2, no.2
Taylor (19 June 1996) *Leeds Castle Park Archaeological Field Visit*

Maps:

1575 Saxton
1576 Anonymous
1596 Symonson
1605 Norden
1611 Speed
1649 CKS U825 P6 estate map shows park into large fields

Fieldwork:

OS Explorer (2½inch to mile) TQ837534 Leeds Castle
8 January 2005 - Can trace boundaries on modern OS map, former S boundary and part of the E retain banks.

Acknowledgements:

Patricia and Peter Stroud, Andrew Wells

(55) LULLINGSTONE **Parish:** Lullingstone

Earliest reference: 1545 Manorial court roll (CKS U967 M2)

Ownership:

1380-1524 Peche > 1524 Sir Percival Hart, nephew, d.1580 > Sir George Hart d.1586 < Sir Perceval Hart d.1542, and remains in family to present

Size: 1930s = 690a (Pittman)

Documentary evidence:

1545 CKS U967 M2 Survey and rental of Manors of Orpington, Mayfield, Farnborough, Eynsford Castle and Lullingstone - 1st documentary reference to property by park pale
1583 TNA Assize Cal 35/26/4/1296 Park keeper murdered a man at Stone

1606 CKS QM/SB 1606/696&698 Illegal rabbit hunting, by same as below but in nearby warren
1606 CKS QM/SRc 1606/ 230.231.232 Recognizances for above case
1606 CKS QM/SI 1606/13/20 Same men as above stealing from warren at Old Park, Lullingstone
1639 TNA SP16/429/66 Peter Pett's carriage of 280 loads of timber for rebuilding 'The Prince' from Lullingstone park purchased from Sir Percival Hart was charged to the county

Secondary evidence:

Arch.Cant. XVI (1886:238)
English Heritage GD3566 *Historic Parks and Gardens register*
Hasted 1 (1797:269)
Henderson (2005:229) *The Tudor House and Garden*
KCC SMR TQ 56 SW 111 - KE19931
Lambarde (1576, 1596 – a deer park)
Pittman (1983) *Lullingstone Park - the evolution of a medieval deer park*
Sackville-West (1923: 74) *Diary of Lady Anne Clifford*

Maps:

1596 Symonson
1798 Ist OS 1" to mile

Fieldwork:

OS Explorer (2½inch to mile) TQ520645 existing park
Park largely intact though refenced in C18th and now public open space.

Acknowledgements:

(56) LYMINGE **Parish:** Lyminge

Not in Lambarde, but on the early maps unlabelled

Earliest reference: 1274/5 Hundred rolls (KAS website)

Ownership:

1540 Archbishop of Canterbury to Henry VIII > 1546 King to Sir Anthony Aucher, master of the king's jewels, d.1558 > Edward Aucher, and remained in family into Charles I's reign

Size:

1649 = 400a (TNA LR2/196)

Documentary evidence:

1274/5 Hundred rolls, Archbishop has chase and warren in Lyminge. Master Richard de Clifford had 23 deer caught in vacancy of see (KAS website)
1281 CPR 6 July, Hunting and taking away deer
1397 LPL Archbishop's estates B Account roll no. 614, Parker
c.154- Court of Augmentation Survey, portfolio I, p.13, Lyminge park was 3 miles round with 60 fallow deer
1546 CPR 24 September, Henry VIII to Sir Anthony Aucher - all the park and all those deer, male and female in the park. Manor and park clear value £43 11s 7 ¼ for sum of £4 7s 2d a year, to have and to hold for use and benefit of Anthony Aucher and his heirs in

capite by the service of the 20th part of a knight's fee, but to render yearly to us and our heirs the sum of £4 7s 2d to Court of Augmentations yearly on feast of St Michael the Archangel. Excepting the office of the keeper of the park and the fee of 3d a day, together with the herbage and pannage of the said park granted to Thomas Hardres kt for the term of his life, for the office of the custody of the park and also all such exemptions as the farmers of the said premises for the time being enjoy by virtue of their indentures and releases.

(transcribed by Jenkins below)

1559 TNA C54/569 Dame Affra Aucher, widow of Sir Anthony, grants Edward Aucher, son of Bourne Place, Bishopsbourne manor, park and advowson of Lyminge.

1569 CPR 21- year lease To Harrison woods and lands ex-Wyatt in Boxley, lands and wood by Lyminge park

1602 CKS Q/SR3 no.288 Hunting deer with 2 bloodhounds

1606 CKS QM/SB/710 Assault at park

1649 TNA LR2/196 Survey, Elham bounds describes bounds of Lyminge park

Secondary evidence:

Arch.Can. IV (1861:45)

Furley (1874:524) *Weald of Kent II* part 2

Harrington and Hendrick pers.comm, notes on Lyminge and the park

Jenkins (ed.) (c.1880s/1890s:11-15) *The Chartulary of the Monastery of Lyminge*

Knafla (1994:51,111,253) *Kent at Law 1602*

Zell (2000:60) *Early Modern Kent*

Maps:

Fieldwork:

OS Explorer (2½inch to mile) TR145445 Park Wood

Acknowledgements:

Duncan Harrington, Margot Hendrick

(57) LYMPNE

Parish: Lymyne

Not in Lambarde or on the early maps so probably disparted before 1558

Earliest reference: 1281 (Cal.Pat. 1272-81, 473) LC

Ownership:

Archdeacon of Canterbury

Size: 1640 = 51a Lymme park wood (EKAC S/Rm P1/1)

Documentary evidence:

Secondary evidence:

Anon. (no date) *Lymyne Castle, Kent* - mentions estate map, 1628 (I have yet to find)

Harris (1719:183) *History of Kent*

Maps:

1640 EKAC S/Rm P1/1 Lymme park wood

Fieldwork: TR123345 Lymyne Park Wood

19 November 2005 - Think I have found boundaries of larger park on the ground, but requires other supportive evidence

Acknowledgements:

(58) LYNSTED

Parish: Lynsted

Earliest reference: 1569 (CKS U1450 E20)

Ownership:

1354 Apulderfields > 1477 Sir John Fyneux m Elizabeth Apulderfield, heiress > 1525 Jane Fyneux his daughter, widow of John Roper, was left it by her father > mother left it to younger son Christopher Roper d.1559 > son Sir John Roper created Lord Teynham

Size:

Documentary evidence:

1523/24 15Henry VIII Will of John Roper (transcribed Arch.Cant. II) mentions lodge at Lynsted and Well Hawe, Eltham, but no parks
1579 TNA Assize Cal 35/21/8 – 991 Rabbit theft from a warren called The Lodge

Secondary evidence:

Arch.Cant. II (1859:153-174)
Arch.Cant XLIV (1932:147-157)
Elliston Erwood (1936:7) *The Story of Well Hall*
Gregory (1909:228-229) *Story of Royal Eltham*
Harris (1719:186) *History of Kent*
Hasted 1 (1797:269)
Hasted 6 (1797:300-301)
Hovenden (1898:81-83) *Visitation of Kent by John Philipot*
McIntosh & Gough (eds.) (1984:40-50) *Hoath and Herne*
Mee (1936:297-300) *Kent*
Selby (1936:67) *Teynham Manor and Hundred,.*
Sparks (1980:59) *Parish of St Martin and St Paul, Canterbury*
Stone (1965:444-445,496-497,592-593) *Crisis of the Aristocracy*

Maps:

1596 Symonson - not named but unambiguous, Lodge named in centre

Fieldwork:

OS Explorer (2½inch to mile) TQ947597 Lynsted Park
16 May 2005 – Think that road pattern follows park borders, but requires supportive evidence.

Acknowledgements:

Christopher Waterman

(59) MAIDSTONE

Parish: Maidstone

Earliest reference: 1396 (LPL, Archbishops estates B Account roll)

Ownership:

1537 Archbishop Cranmer to Henry VIII > 1556 Mary I to Cardinal Pole (U1450 T6/28)
To Cardinal Pole > 1558 Crown > Elizabeth I to Mary Finch (CPR) > Elizabeth I to
John Astley (CPR) > 1638 Crown sold to Sir Jacob Astley (U2035/ T32)

Size: 1555 = 27a (U195 C146): 1566/9 = 27a (TNA C66/1055)

Documentary evidence:

1396, 1397, 1414, 1419, 1442 (LPL) Archbishop's estates B Account roll no. 666-7, 672-3,
676, 679 Parker
1550 CPR part VI m.33,34 Edward VI to Sir Thomas Wyatt, park of Maydeston called
Maydston Parke
1555 TNA E318/39/2112 Particulars of grant
1555 CKS U195 C146 Particular of Allington Castle estate includes land and pasture of
park 27a once Archbishop's, lately Wyatt, held by indenture by Henry Smith 1542 for 21
years
1556 TNA SC11/855 Mary I to Cardinal Pole value of lands in hands of Henry Smythe
called the Park, Maidstone
1556 CPR C66/899 mm24-25 (U1450 T6/28 Stanhope) To Cardinal Pole, lands called le
Park at Maidstone in tenure of Henry Smyth, all kinds of deer and wild beasts in the said
park. This is last time deer are mentioned
1558 TNA SP11/13/67 Value of lands of Archbishop - general
1563 CPR 10 July, Lease for 21 years to Alexander Parker of old Maidstone palace and
lands in Maidstone, woods in Boxley, will repair palace.
1569 CPR C66/1055 Elizabeth I to Mary Fynche of Allington Castle, Allington park and
lands in Boxley and Maidstone
1570 CPR C66/1070, 26 August, 21-year lease to Wm Baynham of old palace at Maidstone
with lands and woods in Boxley, conditions given
1572 CPR 66/1081, 30 July, Lease for 31 years to Oswald Wilstrop mansion the Old Palace,
Maidstone, with lands
1574 CPR no.1463(i) p.270, Lease for 31 years to Oswald Wilstrop mansion the Old Palace,
Maidstone, with lands, details of rent, similar to above
1574 CPR Fee simple reversion to Robert Dudley old palace and lands, patent to Wilstrop,
and in 1570 to Baynham lease for 21 years
1584 CPR (CKS U1644 T32 (Romney) (1629 recital) Grant to Astley
1629 CKS U1644 T1 Sir John Astley granted lands The Park, Maidstone; Park of Allington
- Parkfield, chase of the Park
1649 TNA LR2/196 Maidstone survey, park not mentioned
1720 CKS U1644 T1 Astley to Shovel Maidstone palace and tenement called Park House
with lands including park meadows.

Secondary evidence:

Arch.Cant. LXXII (1958:1-17)
du Boulay (ed.) (1964:279,292) *Kent Records XVIII*
du Boulay (1952:23,25) 'Archbishop Cranmer and the Canterbury Temporalies' in *English
Historical Review* 67 no.262
Goacher pers.comm. notes and transcriptions
Hasted 4 (1797:302-303)
Poste (1847:119) *History of the College of All Saints Maidstone,*

Sayers (ed.) (1965:17-18) *Estate Documents at Lambeth Palace Library*, includes keeper and park accounts to 1447

Maps:

Fieldwork:

OS Explorer (2½inch to mile) TQ759554 Archbishop's Palace, built up
Debbie Goacher thinks park with the palace of Maidstone lay on the opposite side of the Medway.

Acknowledgements:

Debbie Goacher

(60) MEREWORTH **Parish:** Watringbury

Earliest reference: 1356 (Cal. Pat. 1354-8, 379) LC

Ownership:

1356 Royal > 1583 Henry Nevill, Lord Abergavenny, d. 29 Elizabeth I > Mary Fane, Nevill's only daughter m. Sir Thomas Fane > Sir Thomas Fane son made Earl of Westmoreland 22 James I

Size:

Documentary evidence:

1356 CPR 24 May, To have king's engines carried from Mereworth park to La Neweheth by land and water ... for the king's works in palace of Westminster
1583 TNA Assize Calendar, March 1583 no. 1211, Park broken into and assault

Secondary evidence:

Lambarde (1576 – disparked, spelt 'Merewood': 1596 – disparked)

Maps:

1590 CKS U48 P1 Part of Watringbury, some abutting Mereworth Park

Fieldwork:

OS Explorer (2½inch to mile) TQ668554 Mereworth Castle

Acknowledgements:

(61) MERSHAM-HATCH **Parish:** Merhsam, Smeeth

Earliest reference: 1608 (CKS QM/SI 1608/11/8)

Ownership:

1486 Knatchbull family bought Mersham Hatch which remained the family home > 1564-1589 Richard Knatchbull > 1601-1685 Sir Norton Knatchbull (son) knighted (Bannister), 1641 baronet

Size:

Documentary evidence:

1348 CCA DCc ChAnt/M/29 Canterbury Cathedral Priory licence to acquire lands in Mersham
1547 CKS U1590 T1/7 (Stanhope) Edward VI letters patent manors of Mersham, Charlton to Sir John Mason
1564 CCA DCc ChAnt/M/30 Cathedral licence to Richard Knatchbull to enclose land on highway or common
1589 CCA DCc ChAnt/M/31 Cathedral licence to Richard Knatchbull to enclose forestall, piece of Hatch common if tenants agree
c.1600 CKS U951 C261/5 (Knatchbull) Manwood of Tyler Hill, Canterbury, to Knatchbull asking advice on setting up warren
1608 CCA DCc ChAnt/M/33 More common to be enclosed, but with exchange of land
1608 CKS QM/SI 1608/11/8 2 Men stole conies, fined
c.1618, probably 1650s, CKS U951 C261/9 Knatchbull offering high rent to take over land to extend park. Catlogged 1618, but names of tenants same as in 1655 and 1661 documents
1618 CKS U274 E5 Grant of free warren in Mersham Park, right to enclose with pale = when set up
1654-60 CKS U951 A2 (Knatchbull) Very faint general accounts, a few park references
1655 CCA DCc ChAnt/M/34 survey of common re park and enclosures
1656 CCA DCc ChAnt/M/35 (CKS U274 T8) re licences to enclose 8a common near park
1658 CCA DCc ChAnt/M/36 (CKS U274 T8) and measured which Sir Norton Knatchbull had enclosed within his park

Secondary evidence:

Bannister (1999:25-26) *Archaeological and Historical Assessment of Mersham Hatch Estate*
Hasted I (1797:269)
Hasted 7 (1797:592-593)
Knatchbull-Hugessen (1960:xv,98,129,133-134,143,164) *Kentish Family*
Talbot (2003:6-7) *Brabourne in History*

Maps:

1737 CKS TR 431/9, Map 5

Fieldwork:

OS Explorer (2½inch to mile) TR065408 existing deer park
26 February 2006, 18 November 2006 - Went round present deer park, no banks seen E, N, S, stream with step bank up along W. Looked to S nearer house also. Think original park might have been nearer house, but no certain evidence

Acknowledgements:

Dr Nicola Bannister, Graham Bolden

(62) OTFORD – GREAT

Parish: Otford

Earliest reference: 1241onwards (Cal.Close. 1237-42, 275) LC

Ownership:

1241 Archbishop of Canterbury > 1538 to Henry VIII > 1601 Elizabeth I sold to Sir Robert Sidney

Size: 1541 = 212a (Survey): 1553 = 438a (CKS U1475 E21/1&2): 1597 = 430a (Survey)

Documentary evidence:

1273/74 Kilwardby Survey of the Archbishop's manors in S.E. England (KAS website)
1404, 1410. 1414, 1424-6, 1433, 1439, 1443, 1446 LPL Archbishop's estates B Account roll
nos. 840, 848, 851, 855-6, 862, 867, 873, 876 Parker
1423 CPR 14 July, Archbishop of Canterbury's deer taken and his servants assaulted
1537 CKS U1450 T1/3 (Stanhope) Cranmer to Henry VIII re King's purchase of his land -
wages of keepers of parks of Otford, Knole, Wrotham wherein deer now be
1541 Survey (quoted transcription, Elder, puts date at 1547, but 1541 seems correct
compared with document below) ref. deer at release and deer coursing with greyhounds,
140 deer, 2 lodges in park (Long lodge, ?Old Lodge), keeper in park lodge in tiled and
timber building
1541 Calendar Letters & Papers XVII, p.691; XVIII p.124, King increased stock by getting
twelve score deer to park. 1541 Sir Richard Long appointed keeper of Otford, Knole and
Panthurst
1544 CPR 4 February, Tithe dispute with vicar of Sevenoaks settled, Great park = 264a
1548 TNA E101/497/4 Survey
1553 CKS U1475 E21/1&2 (dLD) 438a compass 3 miles
1551 CKS U1590 T1/11 (Stanhope) & U1475 E61/1 (dLD) Manor of Otford granted by
Edward VI to John Dudley, Earl of Warwick
1553/4 CPR 4 March, John Dudley Duke of Northumberland exchanged Otford for Knole
1555 TNA KB9/985 Men broke into park and hunted and took away deer
1556 C66/899 mm24-25 25 (U1450 T6/28 Stanhope) To Cardinal Pole, lands called le
Park at Maidstone in tenure of Henry Smyth, all kinds of deer and wild beasts in the said
park. Also with numerous others lands, park of Saltwood; house and site of late monastery
of St Augustine near walls of Canterbury, the park called Canterbury Park adjacent to the
house; the parks of Aldington and Otford; the park of Knoll late parcel of lands of John,
Duke of Northumberland, attainted.
1569 CPR C66/1054 no.2118, 16 April, 21-year lease to Multon including lands enclosed
in Otford park
1573 CKS U1475 L17 (dLD) Examinations of illegal deer hunting at Penshurst Park, men
admitted illegal hunting 8-10 years before in Otford park
1573 BL Lansd.82 no.65 Extent of the royal manor of Otford
1578 E133/3/556 Whitley wood dispute between John Lennard and Edward Cranewell and
other queen's farmers of the wood alleging is parcel of Otford manor or honour and that
timber there always used for repairs and maintenance of queen's house and park of Otford
1573 BL Lansd.82 no.55 Extent of royal manor of Otford includes Great and Little parks
(this is at back of 1596 Survey)
1587 CKS U1450 E20 (Stanhope) Notes copied by John Lennard
1587 CKS U1475 E61/2 (dLD) 1604 copy of 1587 grant to Viscount Lisle for stewardship
of Honour of Otford, and elsewhere, and keepership of Otford Park
1587 CKS U1475 T86 (dLD) In deed of 1599 below refers to Letter Patent by Elizabeth
giving Sir Robert Sidney office of keeping mansion of Otford and park
1587 TNA SP12/197/19 & 32 Deer killed, one of hunters slain by keepers
1592 CKS U1475 C66/8 (dLD) Bailiff of Otford (Golding) summoned to give account of
Otford to Queen
1594 CKS U1475 C81/37 (dLD) Sidney to wife approving of what she had done for Otford
(no idea what)
1594 TNA SP12/250/42 Repair Otford house estimated £507/18/0d

1596 CKS U1475 C81/82 (dLD) Sidney to wife re lease herbage and pannage of the park of Otford

1596 BL Lansdowne 82/55 (Readable duplicate of TNA SP12/250/42 above) Survey of house and park with conditions Sidney will make if he can take it over saying he had perused papers including Mr Secretary's letter touching hunting in Otford Park

1596 TNA SP12/259/20 Letter 21 June to Burghley with offer to buy Otford

1596/7 TNA E178/1164 Exchequer Commission headed Survey of House and Great Park

1596/7 TNA E178/1165 Survey of house and park (unreadable)

1597 CKS U1475 C12/203 (dLD) Whyte to Sidney re warrant by Queen to survey mansion and park

1597/8 TNA E178/1163 Felling licenced in park

1599 CKS U1475 T86 (dLD) Sidney appoints deputy to oversee mansion and park, keeping deer, conditions

1600 CKS U1475 C75/4 (dLD) Woodward to Sidney re custom of yearly buck to tenants

1600 TNA SP12/274/117 Lease on surrender by the Commissioners for 21 years to Lady Ursula Walsingham of Otford park, pastures and profits belonging, rent £20, fine £20.

1601 TNA SP12/281/57 Buckhurst (Lord treasurer) to Cobham signing of bill for Canterbury at first utterly rejected, but on urging queen it was profitable for her she signed it. Otford to Sidney utterly refused

1601 CPR 5 November, Sidney buys the capital messuage and Great park of Otford

1601 CKS U1475 T86 (dLD) 20 & 29 December, Sir Robert Sidney grants mansion of Otford and Great Park for others to raise money for daughters' marriages

1604 CKS U1475 T90 (dLD) Lease to Cheesman by Sidney with others for 19a close in park

1605 CKS U1475 T86 (dLD) Sir Robert Sidney enters complicated arrangement to raise money for daughters' marriages via Otford manor and the Great Park. In 1601 he had already granted those involved house and park

1605 CKS U1475 T85 (dLD) Links with above giving 20 year lease to 2 involved

1615 CKS U1475 T85 (dLD) Links with 1605 adjustments made because of marriage of one of the daughters

c.Charles I BL Add.Mss. 12066 Detailed account of Sir Robert Sidney's income and expenditure over several decades, includes use of sale of Otford to offset borrowed money

1647 CKS U1515 T75 (Romney) Loan by 3 to Robert Smythe in exchange for grant of manor and Great Park, Otford

1647 CKS U1515 T75 (Romney) Lease Smythe to Gore of mansion, manor and enclosed Great Park

1648 CKS U1515 T75 (Romney) House and enclosed Great Park let to Sir John Gore by Robert Smyth in 1647 demised back

1649 TNA LR2/196 Otford survey

Secondary evidence:

Adams (ed) (1995:71-81) *Household Accounts and Disbursement Books of Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester*

Arch.Cant. V (1862/3:328-330)

Arch.Cant. XX (1893:100-101)

Arch.Cant. XXXI (1915:2-24) *'The Manor House and Great Park at Otford'* by Hesketh

Arch.Cant. XXXIX (1927:156)

Arch.Cant. XLI (1929:1-11) *'The Making of the Great Park at Otford'* by Ward

Arch.Cant. LXXIII (1959:116-124)

Brennan & Kinnamon (eds.) (2003:150,161,164,166-171,174,179,188,190) *A Sidney*

Chronology 1554-1654

- Bruce (ed.) (Camden1868:20) *Diary of John Manningham* XCIX - 1602 says park being disparked)
- Clarke & Stoyel (1975:114-123,132-133) *Otford in Kent*
- Cole (1999:80-81,186-187) *Portable Queen*
- du Boulay (1952:19-36) 'Archbishop Cranmer and the Canterbury Temporalies' in *English Historical Review* 67 no.262
- du Boulay (ed.) (1964:223) *Kent Records XVIII*
- du Boulay (1966:225,262) *Lordship of Canterbury*
- Edwards (1988:114-115) *The Horse Trade of Tudor and Stuart England*
- Elder (c.1950s:6-11) *Otford Past and Present*
- Hanney, Kinnamon & Brennan (eds.) (2005:45-46,48,50,59-60,87,91,129-131) *Domestic Politics and Family Absence*
- Harris (1719:229) *History of Kent*
- Hay (1984:50-57,152-155,189) *The Life of Robert Sidney, Earl of Leicester 1563-1626*
- KCC SMR TQ 55 NW 18 - KE315 Archbishop's palace, park
- Kingsford & Shaw (eds.) (1925:xi,240,300) *HMC on the Manuscripts of Lord De L'Isle and Dudley I*
- Kingsford & Shaw (eds.) (1934:107& series of letters Whyte to Sidney 1596-1600) *HMC Report on the Manuscripts of Lord De L'Isle and Dudley II*
- Lambarde (1576, 1596 – a deer park: 460)
- Owen (ed.) (1980:137) *Calendar of the Manuscripts of the Most Honourable the Marquess of Bath 5*
- Nichols (ed.) (1860Camden:265-266) *Narratives of the Days of the Reformation*
- Phillips (1930:vol.I, 210-211, vol.II,395) *History of Sackville Family*
- Shaw (ed.) (1936:88,417,421-422,431) *HMC Report on the Manuscripts of Lord De L'Isle and Dudley III*
- Shaw (ed.) (1942:265,310) *HMC Report on the Manuscripts of Lord De L'Isle and Dudley IV*
- VCH I (reprint1974:473)
- Ward (1980:80-81,86-87,128-129,157-161,204-205,215-217) *Sevenoaks Essays*
- Watson (ed.) (1999:28-29,38) *A History of the Parish of Chevening*
- Zell (2000:60) *Early Modern Kent*

Maps:

- 1575 Saxton
- 1576 Anonymous
- 1596 Symonson - not named but unambiguous
- 1605 Norden
- 1611 Speed

Fieldwork:

OS Explorer (2½inch to mile) TQ528592 Otford Palace, park lies to southeast
18 May 2004 – Inconclusive preliminary visit.

Acknowledgements:

Peter Mayer, Cliff Ward

(63) OTFORD – LITTLE

Parish: Otford

Earliest reference: 1241 onwards (Cal. Close. 1237-42, 275) LC

Ownership:

1241 Archbishop of Canterbury > 1575 leased for a series of 21 years to Sidney family

Size: 1541 = 240a (Survey): 1645 = 83 acres (CKS U93 T11-20)

Documentary evidence:

1525 CCA Register T folio 254 Archbishop to Sir George Marsham indenture demesne lands in manor of Otford includes fields called New Park, Little New Park

1526 CCA Register T folio 313 Archbishop to John Palmer indenture demesne lands in manor of Otford includes fields called New Park, Little New Park

1548 TNA E101/497/4 Survey, pale rotten, almost fallen down. Length 6 furlongs 8 perches. 7 watercourses clogged up

1553 CKS U1475 E21/1&2 (dLD) Edward VI, Survey - in 2 parts both with different aspects of information

1553 CPR 2&3 Philip and Mary, Little park ordered to be disparked

1556 CKS U1450 T6/28 (Stanhope) Mentions Patent of Edward VI in 1553 to Henry Sydney, then disparked

1556 C66/899 mm24-25 (U1450 T6/28 Stanhope) To Cardinal Pole, Little park of Otford, then disparked, lands called le Park at Maidstone ... Also with numerous others lands, park of Saltwood; house and site of late monastery of St Augustine near walls of Canterbury, the park called Canterbury Park adjacent to the house; the parks of Aldington and Otford; the park of Knoll late parcel of lands of John, Duke of Northumberland, attained.

1560 CKS U1475 T87 (dDL) Sir Henry Sidney demises all grounds etc. (but not hunting rights) to servant John Walker for 20 years, to send wheat, malt, oats to Peshurst, repair houses and enclosures, Sidney free to come to hunt

1565 CKS U1475 T87 (dDL) All above, but for 17 years

1567 BL Add Mss 36804 Sydney fine of £13/6/8 for Little park

1568 CPR 21-lease to disparked park to Henry Sydney, considering surrender of 30 year lease from Edward VI in 1553

1569 BL Add. Mss. 36805 as 1567 above but for £20

1569 CPR 21-year lease to Multon for lands including lands enclosed in Otford park in consideration of surrender of indenture of Henry VIII in 1531

1573 BL Lansd. 82 no. 55 (transcript Arch. Cant. V) Extent of royal manor of Otford includes Great and Little parks

1578 CPR 21-year lease to Pawlyn, Stone, Llewinn demesne lands in Otford including lands enclosed in Otford park leases to Multon in CPR 1569

1580 CPR 21-year lease to Henry Sydney

1600 SP12/273/117 Lease 21 years to Lady Ursula Walsingham widow, rent £20, fine £20

1601 CPR 3 May As above

1607 Will of 7 August, Thomas Sackville has taken over the lease

1611 CKS U269 E45 (Sackville) Cicelie Dowager Duchess of Dorset gives John Bloome power of attorney to receive rents and take action against defaulters

1612 CKS QM/SRc 1612/59 & QM/SRc 1612/110 Two cases of illegal fishing

1631 CKS U93 T11-20 Sale by Sir Thomas Brodewick, Alcocke and Shalcrosse to Langton and Spurstowe demesne lands in manor of Otford includes fields called New Park, Little New Park and all disparked Little Park

1645 CKS U93 T11-20 Farnaby holds lease, fields in Little Park listed

1645 CKS U1000/1 T1 (Farnaby) will of Thomas Farnaby proved 1647, mentions Little

Park now disparked

c. 1650 CKS U269 E48 (Sackville) outlines mortgage to Henry Smith for £10000 by Richard Sackville c.1610, and present Earl negotiating new rent, house and park rent £130, but value £100

Secondary evidence:

Arch.Cant. V (1862/3:328-330)

Arch.Cant. XLI (1929:1) *'The Making of the Great Park at Otford'* by Ward

Clarke & Stoyel (1975:116-123) *Otford in Kent*

du Boulay (ed.) (1964:276-277,285,291) *Kent Records XVIII*

Harris (1719:229) *History of Kent*

Hasted 3 (1797:24-29)

Hewlett (1974:94-110) 'Reconstructing Historical Landscape: Otford in Kent' in *Agricultural History Review*

Kingsford & Shaw (eds.) (1925:300) *HMC on the Manuscripts of Lord De L'Isle and Dudley I*

Lambarde (1576 – a deer park: 1596 – disparked) (compare 1553 CPR 2&3 Philip and Mary)

Phillips (1930:232,271) *History of Sackville Family I*

VCH I (reprint 1974:473)

Ward 1980:215) *Sevenoaks Essays*

Maps:

1575 Saxton

1575 Anonymous

1702 CKS U1867 P1 (original missing and only 1 part of 1 photocopy found in CKS)

Fieldwork:

OS Explorer (2½inch to mile) TQ527585 middle of park

18 May 2004, 8 May 2007, 17 & 19 June 2007 – Picked up parts of E, W and N boundaries, M26 hampered search for S.

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(64) OTFORD – NEW

Parish: Otford

Earliest reference: 1386-1486 breaking into new park (TNA C1/4/177)

Ownership:

1386 Archbishop of Canterbury > 1537 to Henry VIII > Leased out

Size:

1515 = less than 90a, but originally larger (Clarke): 1544 = 202a (Phillips II, p.395)

Documentary evidence:

1386-1486 TNA C1/4/177 Henry Archbishop of Canterbury v. others breaking the new park and kill deer, assaulting the parker

1525 CCA Register T folio 254 Archbishop to Sir George Marsham indenture demesne

lands in manor of Otford includes fields called New Park, Little New Park
1526 CCA Register T folio 313 Archbishop to John Palmer indenture demesne lands in manor of Otford includes fields called New Park, Little New Park
1544 CPR 4 February, Tithe dispute with vicar of Sevenoaks settled, New park = 202a
1577-1611 CKS U1007 T155 Indentures via letters patent of Elizabeth I of Otford manor demesne land includes New Park, leases passed from Fludd, Multon, Lambarde etc.
1631 CKS U93 T11-20 Sale by Sir Thomas Brodewick, Alcocke and Shalcrosse to Langton and Spurstowe demesne lands in manor of Otford includes fields called New Park, Little New Park and all disparted Little Park

Secondary evidence:

Arch.Cant. XLI (1929:1) *'The Making of the Great Park at Otford'* by Ward du Boulay (ed.) (1964:276-277,285,291) *Kent Records XVIII*
Hewlett (1974:94-110) 'Reconstructing Historical Landscape: Otford in Kent' in *Agricultural History Review*
Phillips (1930: vol.I -232,271, vol.II -395) *History of Sackville Family*
Ward 1980:215) *Sevenoaks Essays*

Maps:

1819 Sale plan of New Park (Copy in Otford Parish Archives, GW NG 03)

Fieldwork:

OS Explorer (2½inch to mile) TQ527594 Park Farm
18 May 2004, 21 August 2005 – Rough idea about most borders, needs refining.

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(65, 66) OXENHOATH

Parish: West Peckham

Earliest reference: 1576 2 disparted parks (Lambarde)

Ownership:

pre 1370 Culpepper family > 1484 Sir Richard Culpepper d. > daughter Mrs William Cotton, their son Thomas sold to John Chown of Fairlawn, Wrotham > 1626 sold to Nicholas Miller

Size:

Documentary evidence:

Secondary evidence:

Arch.Cant CXI (1993:237)
Cole (1999:186-187) *Portable Queen*
Hasted 5 (1797:63)
Lambarde (1576, 1596 – disparted x2)

Maps:

1621 CKS U31 P3 copy and copy BL 188.j.2. (15) Manor of Oxenhoath, all fields including

The Warren, Upper Park, Lower Park with some paling shown

Fieldwork:

OS Explorer (2½inch to mile) TQ627515 Oxen Hoath Park: site of 2nd park unknown

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