

## Poors' Lands, Boughton, Norfolk.

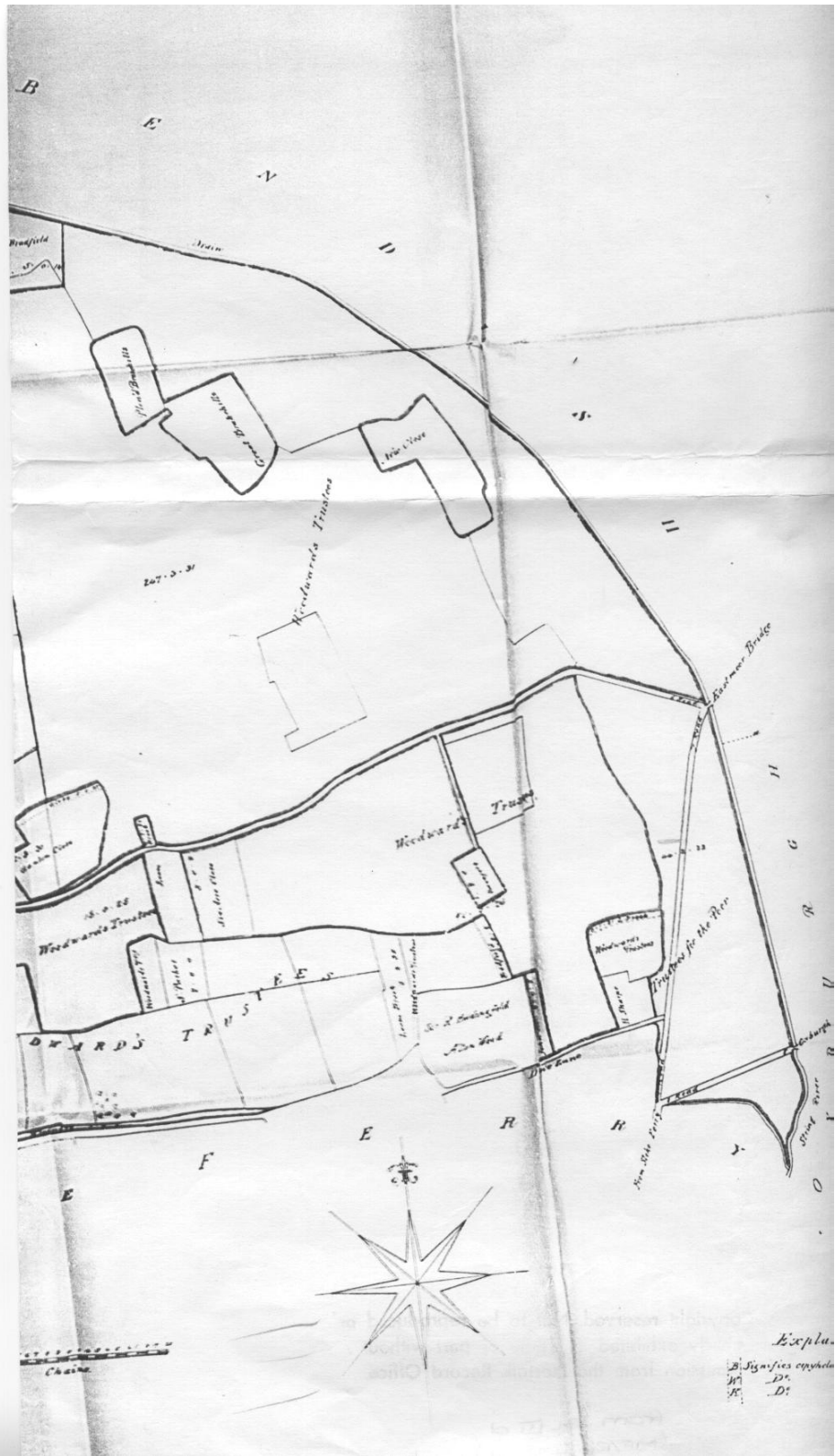
Three Commissioners were appointed under the Act passed in the year 1801 to enclose the common and waste lands of Boughton, and to divide and allot the same, estimated to be in extent 776 acres, 1 rood, 4 perches. On the 26th August, 1803, the Commissioners finished, and ordered their Deed of Award and plans to be placed for reference in the Chest of the Church of the Parish of Boughton.

"And we, the said Commissioners, do hereby assign, set out, and allot, as by the said Act directed, unto the Lord or Lords of the Manor of Boughton, Overhall, and Netherhall, for the time being; the Rector, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Boughton, at the time being; and to the Proprietors, within the aforesaid Parish, of estates of the yearly value of £20; and to their respective successors for ever, in trust, as hereinafter mentioned, all that piece or parcel of land, containing, by survey, 44 acres, 2 roods, 22 perches, part of the said common." Here the Boundaries are described in the Deed of Award, and are those of the parcel of land now known as "Boughton Fen." "Which said piece or parcel of land is the same piece mentioned and described in the Act, and directed to be allotted by us, in Trust, for the purpose of providing and supplying to the occupiers of each of the Commonable Messuages or Tenements now standing in the said Parish of Boughton, for the time being, and to the occupiers of each of the three following Cottages in Boughton, one belonging to Loom Brook in the occupation of Edward Whittrick, and two belonging to, or in the occupation of, George Lewis and William Fincham, a quantity not exceeding nor not less than 4,000 turves or 4,000 flags, of the usual dimensions, for fixing in every year, and for the tenants and occupiers of all the commonable messuages now standing in the Parish of Boughton, to use and enjoy right of common pasture over the said allotment, with such kind and number of stock as is

hereinafter mentioned. For each of the commonable messuages, that is to say, 2 cows or 3 head of young stock under 3 years old, or 1 cow with 2 calves under 1 year old, or 2 geldings or 2 mares, with or without foals not exceeding 8 months old. And we, the said Commissioners, direct that the said allotment may be stocked and fed from, 12th of May until 11th October in every year, and that on and from 12th October until 14th February in every year and that from 14th February until 12th of May in every year, the allotment shall not be stocked, or fed with any kind of beasts or cattle whatsoever.

"And we, the said Commissioners, certify that the said new fences enclosing the parcel of land in trust, directed by us to be made, with ditches  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ft. wide at the top and of the depth of 3 ft., perpendicular, with a sufficient number of gates, with oak posts and proper gate irons therein, have been made, and that white thorn layers have been set in the banks of fences, and good thorns or other wood have been set on the summits of such banks. And we, the said Commissioners, have computed the costs and charges under the said act to be £1,947 18s. 6d., to be paid by the several persons to whom allotments have been made, save and except the several persons particularly exempted on account of allotments made to them in trust as aforesaid from the payment of any of the said charges of the Act."

The Commissioners allotted to the Executors of John Woodward 23 pieces of land. The first piece is thus described in the Award: "That is to say first one piece of land, by measure 13 acres, 2 roods, 18 perches" (this piece of land is part of the first field on the road from Boughton to Barton, owned by Oxborough Trustees, and now in the occupation of Mr. R. Harwin), "which piece of land is allotted to the said William Gonge and William Taylor as Trustees of the said John Woodward and as Lords of the Manor of Boughton, Overhall, and Netherall, as and for full compensation and recompense for their right to the soil of the common and waste lands by the said Act directed to be divided and allotted."



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Woodwards Trustees gives to S <sup>r</sup> W <sup>r</sup> Barney	S <sup>r</sup> W <sup>r</sup> Barney gives to Woodward Trustees
Part of Kippans Turnip Acres	Part of Finkhams
Common Allotment	Am. els. Inclosure
	Field Allotment.
Woodwards Trustees gives to Leam Brook	Leam Brook gives to Woodward Trustees
5 <sup>th</sup> Acre Close	Part of Bias Close
	Wood Close
	Little Gunton
The Rev <sup>d</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Handley gives to Sulton Parker	Sulton Parker gives to The Rev <sup>d</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Handley
Allotment	Clover Close
Woodwards Trustees gives to Sulton Parker	Sulton Parker gives to Woodward Trustees
Long Allotment	5 <sup>th</sup> Grove
Rush Close	Braid Fighite
Allotment	Barry Meadow
	Whin Fighite.
James Bradfield gives to Rob <sup>t</sup> Thurrell	Rob <sup>t</sup> Thurrell gives to James Bradfield
Farmers Close	Common Allotment
Allotment	Field D <sup>o</sup>
Little Meadows	
Woodwards Trustees gives to Jas <sup>r</sup> Bradfield	James Bradfield gives to Woodward Trustees
Part of Lower Hemstead	Part of Merdis Wood
Reed Meadow	Part of Hemmell
	Allotment
Woodwards Trustees gives to The Rev <sup>d</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Handley	The Rev <sup>d</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Handley gives to Woodward Trustees
Part of Gauden Close	Part of Gauden Close
	Allotment

### Explanation

B. Signifies copyhold of the Manor of Boughton  
H. D<sup>o</sup>. Wilsneld.  
K. D<sup>o</sup>. Kavenham.

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