

WIMBISH TITHE MAP 1840

Farmers and smallholders originally had to give a tenth of all their produce to the church. Slowly it began to be accepted that one could pay tithes in cash instead. A law in 1837 permitted this and required that each district (parish in our case) had to produce a high quality map showing every field in the parish and an accompanying schedule giving the owner, the occupier, the size and nature of every field or other block of land.

The Wimbish map is too big for a single sheet of A4. Instead I have split the map into eight pages which overlap slightly. You can either treat it like an atlas or print each page and stick it together into one big map.

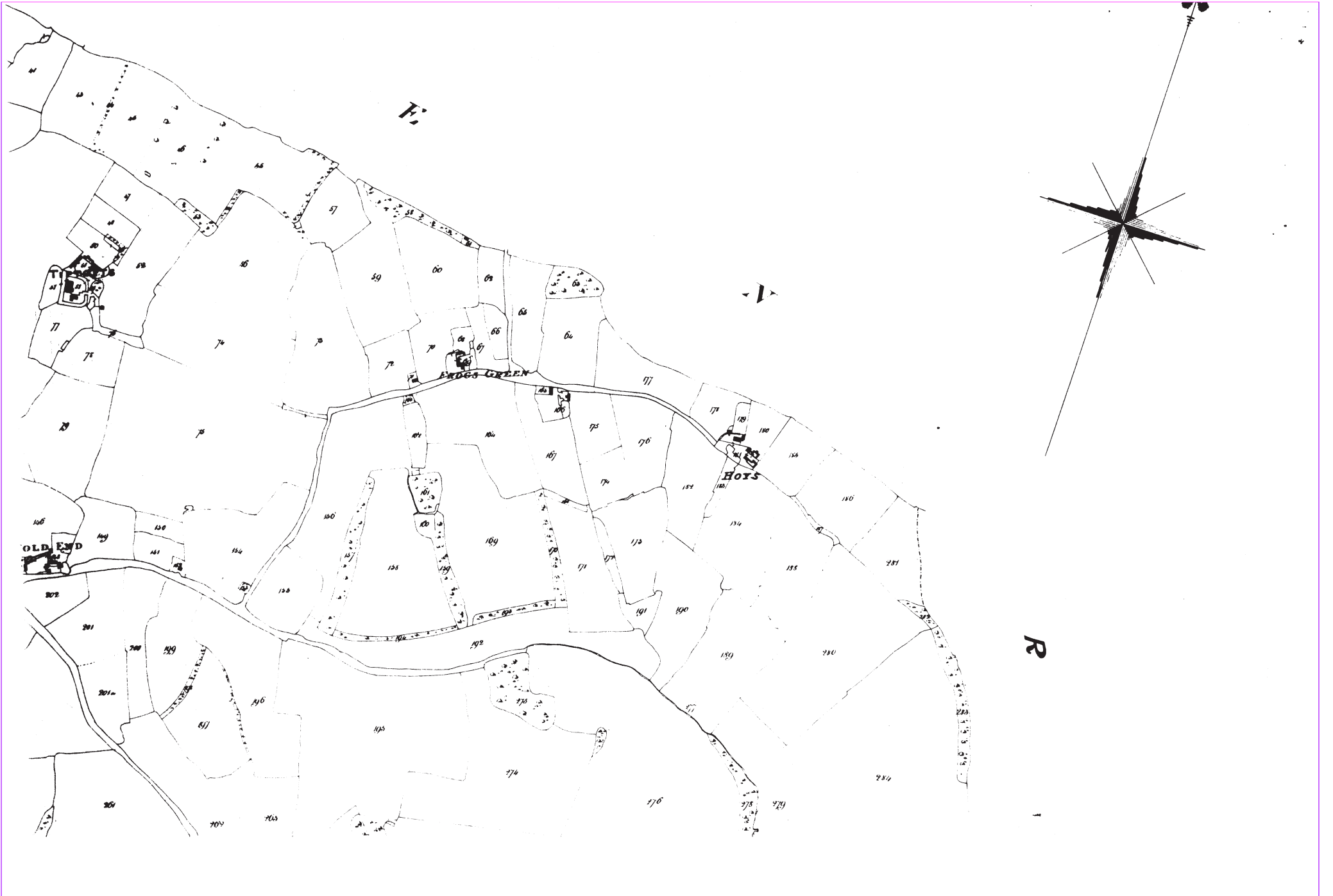
The schedule is handwritten and a bit difficult to decipher. Fortunately Saffron Walden Library (ERO section) have a typed version of the schedule with added grid references of each field. Originally the fields just had numbers in the schedule, which corresponded to numbers on the map. The map numbers are sometimes difficult to read so the grid references are valuable.

The sizes of each field are given in acres, rods and perches. I have added columns giving these sizes in acres (with decimal parts) and hectares.

The schedule with this map is an Excel file: so it is easy to sort the records any way you wish. For example, grouping all the fields in one farm together or all the properties on one owner,

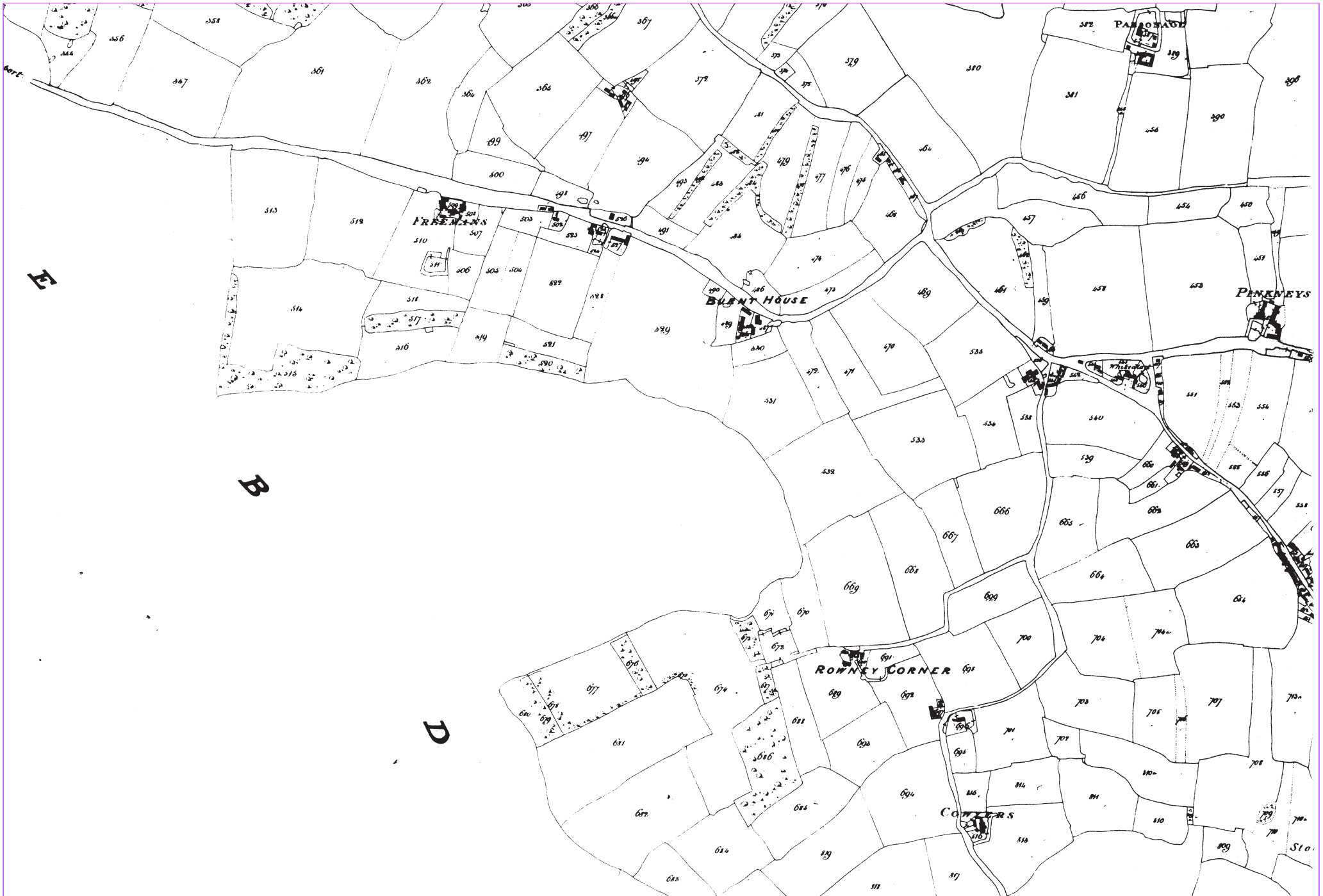
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FRESHMANS

BURNT HOUSE

RONNEY CORNER

CONTERS

PINKNEYS

PARKWAY

St. O.

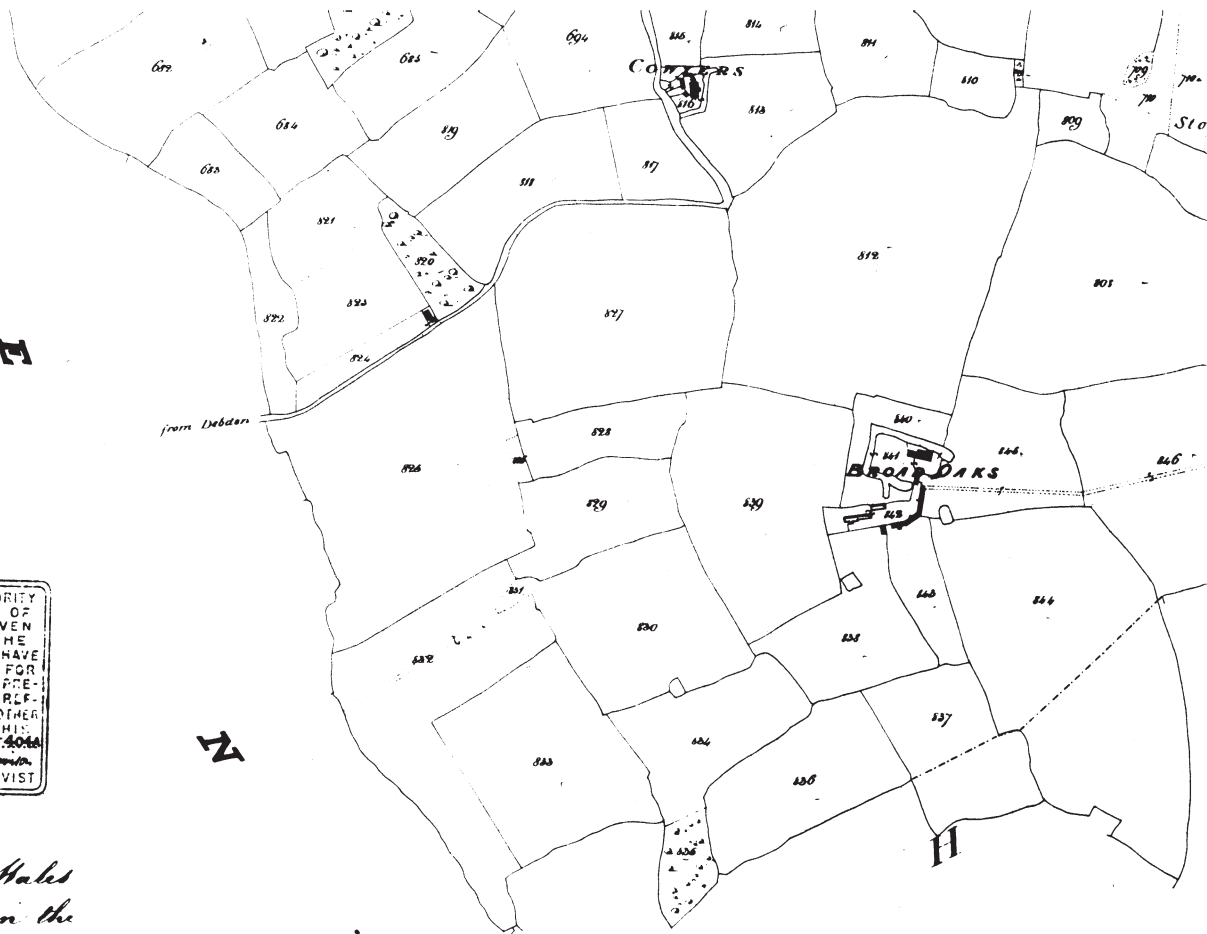


PLAN
of the *PARISH* of
WIMBISH
cum
THUNDERLEY

in the *COUNTY* of
ESSEX.

1840.

WITH THE AUTHORITY OF THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, GIVEN MARCH 1843, THE ABOVE MAPS HAVE BEEN SEPARATED FOR THEIR BETTER PRESERVATION. THE REFERENCE TO THE OTHER PORTION OF THIS RECORD IS D/CT.4044
25 Oct. 1843. *Blamire*
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To the undersigned the Commissioners for England and Wales certify this to be a copy of the Map or Plan referred to in the act of the Rent Charge in lieu of Tithe in the Parish of cum Thunderley in the county of Essex.

As Witness our Hands,

(Signed)

W. Blamire

W. Butler

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