# Local farms in the past

For centuries life in the village has been dominated by farming and fishing, and there were farmhouses right in the middle of the village and farms surrounding the village included within the Parish. Today farming is heavily influenced by national and international conditions and the European climate, which largely results from the ease of transportation of farm produce, but two centuries ago and before, the local farms were supplying local needs with a diverse range of produce. As transportation improved the local farms specialised in produce suited to the drier local climate and terrain, such as peas and soft fruits, etc.

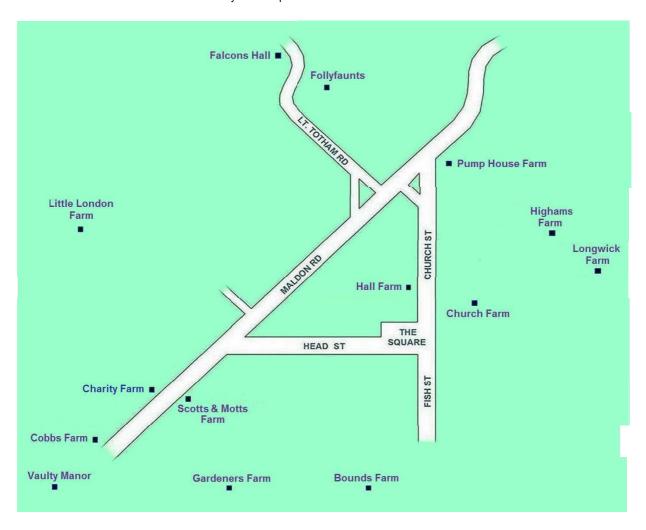
The earliest records of farming come from the Domesday Book entry for Goldhanger and that indicated that farming was predominately sheep and pig livestock production, with the amount of land under cultivation being extremely small ie 50 acres in total. In Goldhanger - an estuary Village, Maura Benham notes on page-25 that between the 11th and 16th centuries sheep production and cheese making from ewes reared on the salt marshes was the major local farming activity. The reclamation of salt marshes by farmers through building seawalls to create more productive farming land continued over many centuries.

A reliable supply of fresh water on a farm was essential to rear livestock, and all the local farms had their own well for human consumption and a pond close by for the animals. Today it is unclear whether the farms were originally built close to a natural pond (see... Glacial ponds), or whether the ponds were artificially created by damming a stream. In the 16th and 17th centuries all the farms adjacent to the estuary had duck decoy ponds on their land to benefit from harvesting the large numbers of wildfowl on the marshes in winter months.

Up to the 19th century farming was very labour intensive with large numbers of men and horses used to cultivate land, providing the main source of employment for villagers. As farm machinery developed, the demand for labour receded, the smaller farms were taken over and the farmhouses became private residences. The farm buildings adjacent to these farmhouses became redundant and many of the barns were lost including the village Tithe Barn.

Photographs of farms only go back to the early 1900s. However much earlier maps exist that details of the farms and associated buildings and ponds. Extracts have been made from the most appropriate early maps and are show below.

Most of the farmhouses and some of the barns are listed buildings. External links to those entries are provided below (but the links may become outdated in time). Some of the farms have had different names over the centuries, named after the farmer or landowner of the day. The map here uses the modern names...



### **Bounds Farm**

Bounds Farm, Goldhanger, comprising farmhouse, farm buildings, double tenement cottage with garden and bake house and about 205 acres of arable and pasture land; 18 acres of arable and pasture land known as The Tudwick Land Tolleshunt D'Arcy. Includes manuscript note that the Coast Guard flag staff stands upon Bounds Farm and the Government pays 10s. per annum rent. There is a shelter hut of the Coast Guard for which they pay 6d per annum, and the Fishermen agree to pay 5s. per annum for the use of the Fish Pits and Drying Ground on the foreshore.

from an 1886 sales catalogue in ERO

Mr. G. B. Hilliard

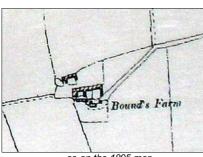
Is favoured with instructions from the Trustees under the Will of the late Mr. Robert Francis to SELL BY AUCTION, at the Corn Exchange, Chelmsford, THIS DAY, Friday, July 16, 1886, at Three for Four o'clock in the Afternoon.

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Afternoon.

BOUNDS FARM, situate in the parish of Goldhanger, near to the Village, and containing about 205a. 0r. 5p. of capital forward Arable and Pasture Land, well adapted for carrying stock, with a good Dwelling-house and well-arranged Agricultural Premises. There is a Wharf on the Farm close to the premises, affording great facilities for the shipping of produce, manure, &c.

a newspaper advertisement in 1886



as on the 1895 map



a 1920s photo of the farmhouse



barn destroyed by a fire in the 1980s



stables destroyed by gales in 1987

In the 1700s Bounds Farmer Mr Lee built a new seawall around the farm. In Goldhanger - an estuary Village, Maura Benham describes this on page-49 & page-50

The field at the east of Bounds is the site of a saltworks in the 1700s. See... Salt extraction on the Blackwater The Bounds Farm entries in the Tithe Awards for 1820 and 1838 refer to:

18 named fields and marshes, owned by Samuel Gurney and farmed by Robert Francis. The farm was called *Brands Farm* on the 1880 OS map and in Fitch's 1898 book.

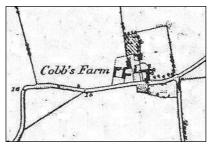
Goldhanger Decoy (No. 3), presumably once existed on "Decoy Marsh," which consists of about eight acres of grassland, lying next to the sea-wall, immediately in front of the farmhouse, on Bound's or Bartlett's Farm, Goldhanger, now held by Mr. Abram Francis. It is called "Brand's Farm" on the six-inch ordnance survey map, probably in error. No trace now exists of either the decoy-pond or its pipes.

from... Birds of Essex, by Miller Christy in 1890

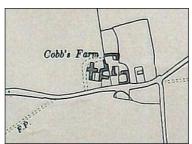
The farmhouse was called Boundless in Stanley Wilkin's letters of the 1930s.

Bounds Farm has been owned by Wilkin & Sons of Tiptree since the 1920s and the company has grown soft fruits there ever since for their products. In recent years the farm has been their main site for strawberries grown under under polythene.

# **Cobbs Farm**



Cobbs on the 1838 map



Cobbs on the 1960s map



Cobbs Farmhouse



Cobbs Timberframe Barn

# Farming Stock, &c. Goldhanger.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

By Mr. Affred May,
On Thursday, Oct. 5th, 1837,
LEVEN HORSES and COLTS, eight Cows,
L2 calves, 21 head of swine, 2 wagons, ploughs,
harrows, drill, roll, double roll, harness, strong trade
cart, several lots of useful Furniture, &c. &c. by order
of Mr. Bentall, the Proprietor, at his Farm, Goldhanger.

hanger.

Sale to begin at Ten o'Clock.

Catalogues may be had at Messrs. Knight and
Turner's Witham; Lion, Tolleshunt Darcey; Chequers, Goldhanger; and at Mr. A. May's Office,
Maldon.

a newspaper advertisement in 1837

# FARMS NEAR MALDON.

TO BE LET ON LEASE,

At Michaelman next,

THE TWO FARMS known respectively as "COBB'S" and
"GARDNERS," in the Parishes of Goldanger and Little
Totham, the Property of H. C. COAPE, Etq. They will be
Let together, forming an excellent occupation of \$70 Acres,
consisting chiefly of Arable LAND of a high quality, with some
scollent Marshes and Saltings. The decoy may be retained
or removed at the option of any future Tenani. Cobb's is now
held by Mr. James Woon, whose lease expirer at Michaelmas:
oranizer's by the Executors of the late Mr. James Forten, in
compliance with whose Will it is to be given up at the same
period.

period.
The Farms will be shown, and any information required given, by the present occupiers; and further particulars obtained of the Proprietor, Golder's Green, Heuton, Middlesex.

a newspaper advertisement in 1851

The farm is said to be named after William Cobb in 1222 Referred to as Cobbes in ERO D/DVz/359 in 1569

Referred to as Cobbs Croft in ERO D/DR T28/2 in 1643

In the late 1700s Cobbs was the home of William Bentall inventor of the Goldhanger plough. To make the parts he developed a small foundary in a field opposite the farmhouse..

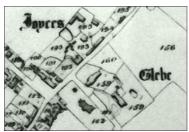
In the 1800s Cobbs Farm was owned by the Coe family, who were wealthy Maldon merchants, and in 1841 it was inherited by local author Henry Coe Coape..

On the 1820 Tithe Awards, Henry Coape is listed as owner and James Wood as farmer.

Deeds of 1860 in ERO (D/DU 627/4) refer to Cobbs and Sewells Farm: 101 acres, lands: 21 acres and marshes: 38 acres near GOLDHANGER Wash.

In the 1920 & 30s Cobbs was farmed by Ernest Lancelot Pledger, who was Chairman of the Parish Council and also the Village Hall committee.

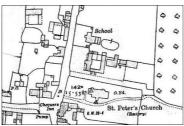
# **Church Farm / Old Rectory Farm**



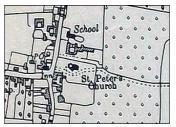
1820s Tithe Map showing the Glebe



1874 map showing it as the school



1922 Tithe Map showing orchard



1960s map still showing the Tithe Barn



the Old Rectory in 1900



the Old Rectory in 1960



the Tithe Barn



the Coach House / Apple store

Oxford Journal, 16th Jan 1790

RECTORIES. ESSEX near WITHAM,

TO be SOLD by AUCTION,
By Meffre, SKINNER and DYKE,
On Thurfday the 4th of February, at Twelve o'Clock, at
Garraway's Coffee House, 'Change Alley, London, — The
PERPETUAL ADVOWSON of the defirable and valuable
confolidated RECTORIES of

GOLDHANGER and LITTLE TOTHAM.

Four Miles from MALDEN, Six from WITHAM, Twelve from COLCHESTER, and Forty-three from LONDON; comprising a very good PARSONAGE HOUSE, with all convenient OFFICES, BARNS, and OUT-BUILDINGS; THIRTY - SIX ACRES of GLEBE LAND; and the TYTHES arising from THREE THOUSAND and SIX ACRES of FERTILE LAND of the Value of near

SIX HUNDRED POUNDS per Annum. The present incumbent aged 45 Years; the Living affersed to the Land Tax at 4541, and the Tenths amount to 21. 118, 40 per Annum. part of a 1906 sales brochure: A VERY

Desirable Freehold Occupation Situate in the Parish of Goldhanger, in the centre of the Village adjoining the Church, and containing

> 38 a. 2 r. 26 p. (More or less) as per

Anown as "The Old Rectorn or Street Farm."

The HOUSE, formerly the Rectory, is Brick and Plaster Built and covered with Tiles, and contains HALL-SITTING 1909M, Breakfast Room, Kitchen, Pantry, and 4 Bedrooms, &c., and the GARDEN is tastefully laid out.

THE FARM PREMISES

y constructed of Brick, Timber, and Slatel, consist of Poultry Houses, Open Shels with d Cow Houses, large Barn having stone Boor, and 2 Porches, Chaff-bouse, Cart Horse Stable, Wogon Hovel, Drill Shed, and convenient. Stock Yards, &c.

subject to a Time Rent Charge of £2 ios. od. confirmer apportisament and also, subject to a Time Rent Charge of £4 ios. od., both payable to the lands to a further Tithe Rent Charge of £46 ios. od., both payable to the and of this latter charge £11 i.45. od. has for the purpose of this Sale been a to this lot.

The Land Tax paid in respect of Mr. C. J. Page's occupation (Lots 4 and 5) for the year 1905-6 was 12s.

Church Farm has been known by many names over its long history...

It was the Rectory from the 1500s to the 1800s and in 1650 was home to author the Revd Edward Howes.

On the 1820 and 1838 Tithe Awards it was named as The Glebe, and Parsonage House.

The house was used a Dame School / Parochial school in the early 1800s.

It was The Glebe in Crockfords Clerical Directory of 1868

Called Street Farm in a 1906 sales brochure, however Hall Farm has also been known by this name.

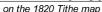
Called Rectory Farm in a newspaper article in 1922

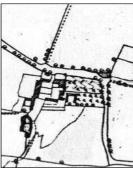
Called Old Rectory Fruit Farm in a newspaper article in 1934. At this was at a time when the farmer was the innovative and locally well known Charles Page.

Since the 1960s the house has been a private residence known as The Old Rectory.

## **Falcons Hall**







on an 1880s map



on a 1960s map

Chelmsford Chronicle, 25th Sep 1891

#### HALL, FALCONS GOI-DHANGER.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

By Mr. Clear,

On Tuesday n. zt. Sept. 29th, 1891, by direction
of Mr. C. H. Hobbs, whose tenancy expires

On Tuesday n. xt, Sept. 29th, 1891, by direction of Mr. C. H. Hobbs, whose tenancy expires at Michaelmas,

A L'. Pa Valuable LIVE and DEAD FARM,

ING S'OCK comprising—

7 P. w. rin! Young Cart Horses.
Shire Stallion. "Castle Walter," three years, 2nd Prize Chelmsford Stow.
Chestnu! Nag Mare, quiet in harness, Nag Foai by "Cistardian,"
Fine Shorthore Cow and Calf,
9 Yearling Bu thorn Steers and Heifers,
55 Four-tooth Half-bred Ewes,
17 Four-tooth Southdown Ewes,
10 Superier Half-bred Ewe Lambs,
90 Fead of Poultry,
And a useful assortment of Agricultural Implements, including 14-coulter lever dril, square cart on springs, six tumbrels, four wagons, mowing machine, hay maker, horse rake, Crosskill clod crusher, four rolls, scarifier and horse hoe, broadshare, crab barrow, four tests barrows, double tom, furrow hoe, five foot plughs, chaff cake mill, builock cribs mangers, troughs, ladders, dressing machine, blower, stack cloth, barn utensils, cart and plough harness, and numerous tools, also
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

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HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, including iron bedsteads, bedding, webstands, chests of drawers, dressing glasses, wardrobe, cak hall table, two hall chairs, two mehogany sideboards, mirror in gilt frame, kitchen u.e. sils, and numerous other effects, at

Falcons Hall. Sale to begin at Eleven for Twelve o'clock. Chelmsford Chronicle 17th Sep 1920

MONDAY, Sept. 27th, at 1 o'clock. FALCON HALL FARM, GOLDHANGER. By direction of Mr. A. G. Taber, the Farm having been Sold, comprising:—

7 Active Young CART HORSES suitable for London work

30 Head of SWINE

FORDSON 20 h.p. TRACTOR, in perfect order; And the usual collection of AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, Harness, etc.

Sales Brochure in 1925:

THE FREEHOLD

# RESIDENTIAL OCCUPATION

GOLDHANGER and LITTLE TOTHAM ESSEX :

miles from Tolleshunt D'Arcy Station, 4 miles from Maldon (East) Station, 12 miles from Colchester, 15 miles from Chelmsford, and 8 miles from Witham;

SIXTEENTH-CENTURY FARM HOUSE Ample Set of FARM BUILDINGS 4 COTTAGES

221a. 1r. 39 p. of Arable & Pasture Land

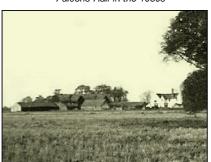
(THERE BEING ABOUT 34 ACRES OF THE LATTER).



Falcons Hall in the 1930s



Falcons Hall in the 1950s





The very large timber frame barn which can be seen in this 1940s photo on the left, was replaced with a WW-2 Blister Hangar or Nissen hut in the 1950s.

The farm was named after the original owner John Ffalons or Ffawcon in 1346. Ffakons is dated 1445 in 'The place-names of Essex' and then named as Ffacones in 1484.

Sir Thomas Huett, a London merchant, created a trust in his Will of 1632, leaving a charge on his lands at Falcons Hall and Bakers (Green). The Charge and the Trust remained in place until at least 1904.

On maps of 1730 & 1777 it is named Faulkins Farm. It was Falcons Hall Farm in the 1820s Tithe Awards.

In the 1820 Tithe Awards Sir Robert Monsey Rolfe is listed as owner and John Stedman as farmer.

The 1841 census refers to just The Hall.

The 1848 census refers to Goldhanger Hall.

It was Falcons Hall in a newspaper advert of 1891.

George Cracknell was the famer in the late 1800s

It is Falcon Hall on a sales posters of 1920 & 1925.

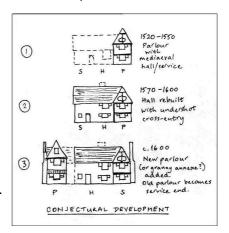
Mr B W Campe was the famer in the 1940s &50s

It was named as Falcons Hall on a sales poster in 1955.

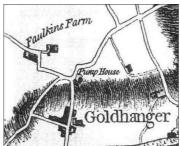
The house became a private home after the 1955 sale.

In 1995 A Padfield undertook an

Archaeological study of Falcons Hall...



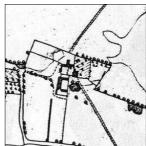
# **Follyfaunts**



Faulkins Farm only shown on 1730 map



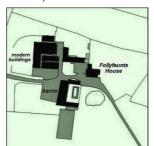
on the 1820 Tithe map



on an 1880 map



on a 1960s map



on a 1990s map





Follyfaunts around 1900



Follyfaunts in the 1930s when Major L.F. Hay was living there

The farm was named after Johannis Falefaunt in 1250 Called Ffollyfants in 1527 Called Folyphauntes Manor in Bylegh Abbey lease of 1533 named Follyfauntes in Henry VIII letters of 1543 and Ffollifauntes in 1540 Fallyfantes in 1613 (ERO D/DVz/359) Called Follyfaunts on Henry VIII documents in 1543 and Follyfans in a Will of 1573 Folliphants in 1740 (ERO D/DBs T4) Shows only Faulkins Farm on the 1730, 1770, 1799 & 1905 maps (could be *Falcons* - both are not shown)

> and Follifaunts in Phillip Morant's 1768 book History and antiquities of the Essex ...

#### FOLLIFAUNTS

a maner, or Ferm, whose house is about half a mile north-east from the Church, was given to Bilegh-Abbey by Robert Mantel their foun-

It was lett to Thomas Whittelocke at the rent of 51. 11s. per annum.

Upon the suppression, K. Henry VIII. granted

it, in 1543, to
Stephen Beckingbam Esq; and to Anne his wife, by the name of the maner of Follyfaunts, and the fite of the same maner. — Thomas his son fold it to

John Sammes Gent. 1 March 1573 (i).
Alderman Clithero had it, with Joyces and Highams in Tolleshunt-Major, and by female

heirs it came to William Waddis and Henry Heath, who fold

it, but to whom we do not find. It has fince been in Sir Nicolas Gerrard of Eaft-Ham, Bart. and is, or lately was, in his Family.

Some of the Heveningham family are faid to have anciently refided here.

sales poster of 1813:

#### TWO FREEHOLD FARMS.

FOLLY FANTS and PUMP-HOUSE FARMS.

#### One Hundred and Forty-six Acres,

Of RICH ARABLE and PASTURE LAND, PARISH OF GOLDHANGER;

#### A DESIRABLE FARM.

IN the PARISHES of GOLDHANGER and LITTLE TOTHAM.

ABOUT FORTY-TWO ACRES:

# A DWELLING-HOUSE

IN IN FILL AGE OF COLDILANGER : WHICH WILL BE SOLD BY AUCTION

By Messrs.

# HOGGART & PHILLIPS,

AT THE AUCTION MART, Cypens to Seed of England,

On Thursday, the 24th of June, 1813, By Order of the Devices of the lets JOHN FIRST, East, &

part of a 1906 sales brochure

### THE VERY COMPACT FREEHOLD FARM Anown as "Follyfaunts,"

Situate in the Parish of Goldhanger, lying in practically a ring fence with

extensive road frontage, and comprising

4 a. 2 r. 28 p. 124 a.

#### FARM HOUSE

Which is chiefly Timber-built and Tiled, and contains Hall, Dining Room, Drawing Room, large Kitchen, Saillery, Cellar, Dairy, Rack Hall, and 6 Bedrooms, with Brewhouse and other Domestic Offices; also the

#### CONVENIENTLY-ARRANGED FARM PREMISES

Consisting of Meal House, Poultry Houses, Coach-house, Cart Horse Stabling with Loft over, Brick and Tiled, 5-bay Cart Lodge, Brick and Slated, Implement Shed, 4-bay Shelter Hovel, Iarge Threshing Barn with 2 Powches, Timber and Thatched, Turkey House, 4-bay Shelter Hovel, 5-bay ditto, brick and tiled; 6-bay ditto, timber and tiled; Lean-to Granary, 3-bay Lenn-to Shed, Poultry Houses, Range of Cow Houses, spacious Stock Yards, &c.

s with Lots 6 and 7 in the occupation of Mr. Ernest Hutley, at an er £125 has for the purpose of this Sale been apportioned to this lot.

The tenancy (agreement) expires on the 29th September next.

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In it is subject with Lot o to a Tithe Rent Charge of £2 11s. 6d. payable to the Rector of Goldhanger of this charge £48 18s. od. has for the purpose of this Sale been apportioned to this lot. The Value for the present year of such apportionment is £433 10s. 11d.

This lot is free from Land Inx.

Before the Reformation Follyfaunts belonged to Beeliegh Abbey but Henry VIII sold it to Stephen Beckingham in 1543.

In the 1820 Tithe Awards the Revd Edward Leigh is listed as owner and Thomas Francis as farmer.

It was part of the Henry Coe Coape estate in the early 1800s.

The Leigh family bought Follyfaunts in 1832 and the Revd. Charles Brian Leigh used it as a Rectory until the family built a New Rectory at the top of Church Road.

From 1930s Follyfants belonged to the McMullen family who renovated the house. Maud McMullen Mrs Maude McMullen who was president of the Goldhanger Players Drama Society in the 1940s and 50s. A chair in the Village Hall is dedicated to her.

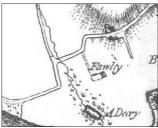
In 1939 Follyfants was the home of author and Ming China collector Major Lindsay Fitzgerald Hay

There was a 3-page article about Follyfaunts and the major in Homes & Gardens magazine of 1939.

In the 1960s electric robotic elephants was developed and marketed at Follyfaunts by Lord Hillingdon.

In 1962 Mr & Mrs Jenkinson purchased Folly Fants House. They ran their business of Verine Products from the outbuildings for around forty years and during the summer months opened the gardens to raise funds for the Red Cross. At the turn of the Millennium they commissioned professional historian Peter Bushell to research and record The history of the Folly Fants house and farm. His research identified twenty-one previous owners and farmers of the manor over seven centuries.

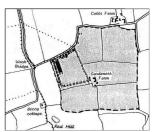
# **Gardeners Farm**



Gardeners Farm as Fawlty on a 1730 map



Gardeners Farm on a 1838 map



Gardeners Farm on a 1920s map showing the airfield



Garderners Fam in the 1950s

# FARMS NEAR MALDON.

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newspaper advertisement in 1851

The Farm is identified as Vaulty Wick Marsh, on a Will of 1561

It was called Fawlty Farm on a 173 map and the 1777 map ( the same name was later used by Vaulty Manor ) In the 1700s the farm included a very profitable Decoy Pond.

Gardner's Farm on 1820 Tithe map & Awards and on the 1838 Tithe map & Awards

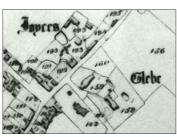
On the 1820 &1838 Tithe Awards, Henry Coape is listed as owner and Isaac Foster as farmer.

The farm was part of the Henry Coe Coape estate in the mid 1800s.

It was called Gardner's on 1841 census and Gardeners Farm on 1880 OS map

Gardeners Farm was the site of a Royal Flying Corps Flight Station in the Great War

# **Hall Farm**



1820s Map showing Hall Farm as Joyces



Hall Farm on the 1880 map



Hall Farm a 1900 map

Chelmsford Chronicle, 28th Dec 1849

GOLDHANGER HALL, GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

By Mr. J. Mumford,

On the Premises, on Thursday and Friday next,

January 3rd and 4th, 1850,

ALL the LIVE & DEAD FARMING STOCK.

A weat HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, and other effects, upon the above Farm, the property of Mr. John Stedman.

Catalogues may be had at the Place of Sale, and the Auctioneer, Great Baddow.

The Farming Stock will be Sold on Thursday, and the Furniture on Friday; Sale beginning each day at Ten o'Clock.

Chelmsford Chronicle, 20th Sep 1850

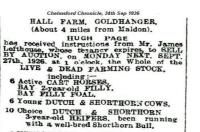
AT THE HALL FARM, GOLDHANGER.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

By Alfred May and Son.

By order of Mr. Cross, on Thursday, September 26, 1850,

ALI, THE LIVE AND DEAD FARMING STOCK; comprising eight capital young Suffolk eart horses, two cows, 47 head of swine, two Bental and two Warren's patent ploughs, two sets harrows, scarifier complete with extra wheat and bean hoes, jointed and straight rolls, ironarmed light tumbrel, broad-wheel load tumbrel, three harvest wagons, dressing machine, and burn utensils, bullock cribs, troughs, hurdles, harness, beer casks, &c. beer casks, &c.
Sale to begin at One o'Clock.



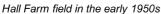
6 HOME-WEANED HEIFEES, 12 and 15 months. 2 WEANEL HEIFERS,

Together with the usual assortment of AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.



Hall Farm in 1919







Hall Farm in the late 1950s

The farm was called Joyces on the 1820 Tithe map and on the censuses of 1841 & 1851

On the 1820 Tithe Awards the owner is listed as Henry Coape and the farmer as William Wade.

It was also called Goldhanger Hall and The Hall, in newspaper adverts in the 1800s

It was called Street Farm in Kelly's Directory of 1892 & 1899 (Church Farm / Old Rectory was also called this) It was Hall Farm, advert in 1926

Hall Farm barn was sold in the 1970s, dismantled and move to Tiptree heath, where it remains as a private house. Past owner/farmers have included:

Mid 1800s - John Steadman, or Stedman, who was a Churchwarden in 1848.

By 1850 he was in the debtors goal at Springfield.

1900-20s - The Dobson family, the son became a well known local catholic priest, Canon Francis Dobson The Dobson family also farmed Gardeners Farm during WW-1

1920s-50s - The Simpson Sisters maintained a dairy herd at the Farm and sold dairy products at the gate. 1950s-90s - Barry and Jean Rose converted the farm to arable with poultry sheds behind the farmhouse.

Hall Farm has been a private residence since the Millennium when St Peters Close was built on the farmyard.

# **Highams Farm**



1805 map showing un-named Highams



1838 map shown as Highlands Farm



from a 1960s map



the farmhouse 1900ish



Highams barn with traction engine



Highams farm wagon sold in 2001

#### HIGHAMS

HIGHAMS
is one of those Estates, so named from the Higham samily, its ancient owners.

The mansion house lies near the road leading from Goldanger to Tollesbury [P].

Here lived successively three of the name of Robert Higham, that are buried, with their wives, in this Church. The first dyed 23 June 1427:
Leticia was his wise. The fecond dyed 16 August 1429: Margaret was his wife. The third dyed 4 February 1460: His wise was Johanna, daughter of Thomas Barrington.—The two following are buried in the Chancel of Goldanger Church.—Thomas Heigham Esq. who dyed 31 December 1531. and—Internet Sir Thomas Seymour, as of his maner of Tolleshunt Major, by fealty, and rent of 3s. 4d. He had also the maners of Wickhams in Woodham-Ferrers, Harons in Althorn, Batells in Bradwell, &c.

Robert Higham, his son and heir (w), had license, 24 October 1545, to alienate the maner of Higham, with appertenances to

Stephen Beckingham. A fine was levied son after between the said Stephen, plaintist, and Robert Higham Esq. and Margaret his wife, desore' for the Maners of Highams, and Joyces; 20 mess ago acres of arable, 100 of meadow, 400 of pasture, 40 of wood, 400 of marsh, and 40s. rent in Tolleshunt Major, and Darcy, Goldanger, and Little Totham (x).

Mr. William Harris is the present owner of this estate.

part of a 1906 sales brochure:

# THE HIGHLY VALUABLE FREEHOLD ESTATE

situate in the Parishes of Goldhauger and Tolleshunt Major (otherwise Beckingham), about 4 miles from Maldon and 14 from Colchester, and

Distinguished as "bighams and Congwicke Farms," 344 a. 3 r. 24 p.

#### FARM RESIDENCE

Bleasantly situated, and known as "Sighams,"

isstantially built of Brick and partly Slated and partly Tiled, and containing Entrance Hall, 2 Front coption Bosins, Morning Bosin, Business Bosin, Kitchen, Lander, Soullery, Jage Gellunge, Store Rooms, 9 Fed and Dressing Bosins, and other usual Officos. Also the

#### COMMODIOUS FARM PREMISES NEAR,

Chefly Timber built and Slated, and consisting of Nig Stable, 4-bay Cart Lodge, Punliry Houses, Open Shorls, Chaff Karn, Mixing House, 2 Jange Corn Barns, Piggeries, Cattle Shoels, Cart House Stables, Chaff-house, Wagon Hovel, Lowe Boxes, and convenient Stock Yards.

### THE "LONGWICKE" PREMISES

Computer Labourer's Cottage, Brick-bmilt and Tiled with Barn, &c.; 7-bay Shelter Hovel, Brick and Tiled; Jarge Threshing Barn, Timber and Tiled with Asphalter Fleor; Lean-to Granaries, 6-bay Shelter Bovel, 4-bay ditte, 2-bay ditte, Chaff-shouse, Esch-bause, Loose Box, Wagon Hovel and Granary crev. &c.; also a

#### PAIR OF BRICK-BUILT AND SLATED COTTAGES

At the Entrance Gate to "Highams,"

Das-lot is, together with Lot 3, in the occupation of Mrs. Sarah Bunting and Mosers John Bunting, jus-and view Bunting on or under Agreement for losse for 7 years, from September 29th, 1903, at an entire Bent of £720 of which

£200 has for the purpose of this Sale been apportioned to this lot.

an entry in 'History and antiquities of the Essex' by Phillip Morant's in 1768

The farm was once within Goldhanger Parish, but today is within Tolleshunt Major Parish.

Before the Reformation Highams belonged to Beeliegh Abbey but Henry VIII sold it to Stephen Beckingham in 1543 along with several of the other local farms.

As stated in Phillip Morant's book above, in the 1400s Highams was the family seat for members of the Higham Family It was called Highums Farm in 1631 (or mis-spelt in ERO D/DVz/359)

In 1641 Sir Christopher Clitherow, Lord Mayor of London in 1635, set up a trust fund for the poor in his Will with income from Highams Farm.

In the 1700s the farm included a profitable Decoy Pond close to The Shoe.

It was named or mis-spelt Highlands Farm on the 1838 Tithe map, the 1880 & 1906 OS maps.

Robert Cresswell was the farmer in the mid-late 1800s. He hosted several regattas at The Shoe.

The Page family farmed Highams from the 1870s until they bought Church Farm, probably in 1906.

In Kelly's Directory of 1899 Robert Page is listed as farmer at Highams.

In the early 1900s rail tracks were laid to the seawall at Highams farm and horses and carts were used on the tracks in winter months to move clay from the ditches to raise the level of the seawall.

# **Longwick Farm**



1805 map showing un-named Longwick



1838 map marked as Longwick Farm



from a 1960s map



Longwick farmhouse in the 1960s

The Essex Standard in 1864

# ST SALE THIS DAY. AT GOLDHANGER.

EXTENSIVE SALE BY AUCTION
OF HIGHLY-VALUABLE

### AGRICULTURAL LIVE & DEAD STOCK By Messrs. Surridge & Son

By Messrs. Surridge & Son (With the assistance of Mr. C. Downes on this occasion). THIS DAY (WENNESDAY), 5th October, 1864, by direction of the Proprietor, who has let his Farms, A LL the truly superior FARMING STOCK upon the "LONG WICK" and "HIGH ENDS" ESTATES sufficient for the cultivation of 500 or 500 Acres; comprising

A "LONG WICK" and "HIGH ENDS" ESTATES sufficient for the cultivation of 500 or 600 Acres; comprising 16 very powerful Bay and Chestnut MARES & GELDHNOS; A well-bred Bay Gelding, with black legs, adapted or a match horse, having pienty of substance, with good action, 4 years old; A Brown 2-years-old ditto, by Middlesex, from an excellent hunting mare; A good Yearling Chestnut Suffolk Gelding, Promising Black Colt Foal, Ditto Filly.

18 handsome Shorthorn Steers, 100 capital Hampshire Down Wether Lambs, 65 strong fatting Shotes, 60 head of Poultry; five very good road waggons, seven good three-quarter tunbrels and light spring cart, 14-coniter drill by Smyth, a Give very good road waggons, seven good three-quarter funbrels and light spring cart, 14-coniter drill by Smyth, a 10-horse chaff-cutting works, with machine, by Ward and Silver; iron foot and double-tom ploughs, six sets of heavy and light harrows, Dengie scarifier and broadshare plough, heavy and light rolls, Crosskiil's clod crosher, builteck and other cribs, sheep and pig troughs, cart and plough harness, and various other effects.

The Auctioneers beg respectfully to invite the attention of gentlemen requiring good sound seasoned horses and tratclass implements to attend this sale, as the latter have mostly been purchased now within the last four years, and the horses will be in full work until the day of sale.

Catalogues may be had in due course of the Auctioneers, Inworth Hall, Coggeshall, and Goldhanger.

Cowley against Keys. Effex, 28th February 1787.

THE rector of Goldbanger, with the chapel of Little Toltham, in the county of Effect annexed, claimed the great and small tithes of the parish, particularly the tithes of Longwick Ferm, of a decay pond for taking wild ducks, widgeons, teals, and other wild fowl, of wheat, barley, rey, oats, peace, beans, coppice wood, underwood, sheep, milch cows, lambs, milk, calves, and various other titheable matters and things; and stated, that the defendant had yearly fold wild ducks, widgeons, find minister's back of the wards of Goldbangs dated that

faid minister's book of the parish of Goldhanger, dated the thirtieth of December 1695, and the twenty-fourth of June 1698; an extract, dated the fourth of November 1647; and on full debate of the matter;

THE COURT ordered a trial upon the following iffue, to wit, "Whether the lands, in the pleadings in this caufe mentioned, of which the defendant is owner and occupier, and from which tithes are demanded by the bill, or any and what part thereof were, at the time of the furrender of the abbey of Coggefhall, part of the possessions of the faid abbey."

The rector afterwards agreed to give up his demand of the tithes of the faid farm, fo long as Keys, or any future enser thereof should accupy the fame; and the faid agreement was on the twelfth of February 1788 made an order of the Court; and the bill, purfuant thereto, difinitied with cofts.

Before the Reformation Longwick belonged to Beeliegh Abbey but Henry VIII sold it to Stephen Beckingham in 1543 along with several of the other local farms.

Named Long Wyke in Henry VIII letters of 1543.

Deed of Livery, 1569, (ERO D/DVz 359) includes... Manor of Fallyfantes, Longwick Farm, Grange of Langwyke, Joyces Farm, Highums Farm, in previous possession of Monastery of Beeleigh, and purchased from Henry VIII as part of the Reformation.

From ERO D/P 240/1/3 1598-1769: '60 acres called Langewich occupied by John Parr'.

Deed of Livery 1569, with Extent (ERO D/DVz 359) including grange of Langwyke, in previous possession of Monastery of Coggeshall in Goldhanger.

Deeds of 1613 (ERO D/DVz 359) includes...

Manor of Fallyfantes, Longhouse Farm, Longwick Farm, Joyces Farm, Highums Farm. Deeds of 1708-1739 refer to 'a farm called Longwick and decoy' (ERO D/DEI T86).

Called Long Wick Farm in the 1820 Tithe Awards, the owner is listed as Henry Lambirth and the farmer as John Hutley. Longwicke Farm was leased to Robert Page along with Highams Farm in 1878 (ERO A8512).

Called Longwicke Farm on 1906 sales brochure.

By the late 1900s the farm had been unused and derelict for 40 years, and was purchased by Maldon Crystal Salt Company, who built a new sea-salt processing facility on the old farmyard which opened in 2006. The old farmhouse was also completely rebuilt and in 2006 opened as the Longwick Farm B&B.





salt processing facility

Longwick Farm

# **Little London Farm**

Said to be named after John de London (or Lundon) in 1418.

Called Loughes in The history and antiquities of the county of Essex, Vol-2, by P Morant,

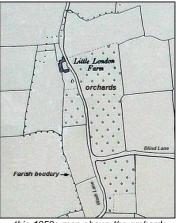
Longs or Londons in a charities document of 1740 and the 1764 Deeds of the Honywood family (ERO D/DE/T37) and in 1836-63 rental agreements of E H Bentall & Sons (ERO D/F 1/31).

Longs or Londons is also referred to in a Phillip Morant's 1789 book History and antiquities of Colchester making payments to The Poor Widows in St. Botolph's.

Listed as Little Londons Farm in the 1820 Tithe Awards in the 1820 & 1838 Tithe Awards the owner is listed as William Hutley and the farmer as William Wade.

Named Little Londons in the 1841 census.

From the Sale catalogue in 1913: Little London Farm - a freehold farm comprising house, known as Melrose Cottage, overlooking the River Blackwater, garden and orchard, farm buildings, pond and 50 acres.



this 1950s map shows the orchards

In the 1940s Jack Cohen founder TESCO purchased Little London Farm as a second home...

From... Nothing Like a Dame: The Scandals of Shirley Porter Andrew Hosken, Granta, 2007

... Cohen was not content for Tesco to just tick over, and now decided to pour his energy into fruit farming. He bought Little London, a farm in Goldhanger village on the Essex coast just outside Maldon, for £4,000. He converted the farmhouse into a replica of the Cohen home in Chessington Avenue, down to the first-floor veranda, and later added a tennis court and a bowling green. He bought three more farms in adjoining villages and ended up with 400 acres. The Cohen family spent many happy weekends and holidays at Little London and the girls learned to ride. Cissie learned to drive a pony and trap, which she and Shirley would often use on shopping trips to Maldon. Cohen would later sell his business, Goldhanger Fruit Farms, along with its jam-making plant, to Schweppes for a substantial profit...

from... The Making of Tesco: A Story of British Shopping by Sarah Ryle in 2013

...For Jack, business and home life were inextricably intertwined: business was pleasure and pleasure was business. When he bought a nice country farm in a pretty corner of Essex at Maldon around 1940, it was no accident that his purchase included Goldhanger Fruit Farms. Before too long, the fruit farm was supplying Tesco's shelves with bottled jam and frozen fruit - a novelty then - as well as providing country weekends for friends and family.

'It was not grand at all. It was a proper thirties, ordinary house. But we had horses,' Shirley remembers. Somewhat incongruously, visitors would be conveyed to the 'ordinary' house from the stations at Colchester or Chelmsford in a pony and trap. The Cohens liked to have Sunday lunch at the local pub with the landlords, Mr and Mrs Offord.

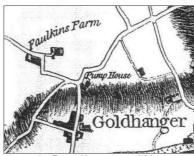
While staying at Little London Farm Cohen created and very successfully developed Goldhanger Fruit Farms which was actually a fruit and vegetable canning factory in the centre of nearby Tolleshunt Major.

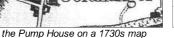


Jack Cohen and family entertaining some of his staff at Little London Farm in the 1950s

In Pile it High, Sell it Cheap, the authorised biography of Sir John (Jack) Cohen, written by Maurice Corina, Cohen's association with Little London Farm and Goldhanger Fruit Farms is described in several pages of chapter-7 which is entitled 'Goldhanger'. The biography tells us that the person who introduced Cohen to Little London Farm was a local man by the name of 'Major Frost'. Perhaps this could have been Crawshay Frost of Fish St Goldhanger, who liked to be known as Major Frost. The factory changed owners several times over the years and is now Beckingham Business Park.

# **Pumphouse Farm**







the Pumphouse on the 1820 Tithe map

Two Freehold Parms.—By HOGGART and Prilitality, America Mart, on Thursday, Jame 24, at 14, in two Lon-OLLY-FANTS and PUMP-HOUSE FAI ndr. Lozzan, on meace, at a rest of 1991, per snooms. Lett. rable Farm, in the parishes of Goldhanger and Little Tuther tipating topether about 42 acres of rich land, is the occups Mr. S. P. Clarke, at a rest of 791, per ansum. To be viewed loave of the tenants; and particulars had fifteen days prior sale, at the Blue Ports, Withmus: Ampel, Keivedon; King, Malden; New Ship, Rochford; Spread Earle, Lintestone; Hart, Drentwood; Black Boy, Chelmaford; at the Mart; Horgart and Phillips, 62, Old Broad-street, Royal Exchan

a newspaper advertisement in 1813

Pumphouse Farm Deeds of 1750 - 1760 (ERO D/DBt T3) refer to the Will of Robert Harrington, a Goldhanger yeoman. The 1810 Deeds of the Manor of Follifaunts refer to a 'messuage called Pumphouse'.

The Pumphouse entries in the Tithe Awards for 1820 the owner is Revd Edward Leigh and refers to:

Four Acres field, Lower Three Acres, Comer field, the Pightle and a Homestead occupied by Revd. E M Leigh. In the 1841 census the occupier was William Bonner, farm bailiff.

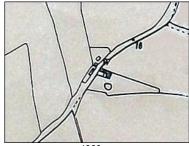
In the Kelly's 1899 Directory George Cracknell is named as farmer at Falcon Hall, Pumphouse & Carters Farms. The farmhouse was converted to a coach house for the New Rectory built by the Leigh family in 1851. It became a separate property in the 1980s.

The 'Pump House' presumably had associations with pumping water. Despite being the high land in the village, the area has always been very wet, with ponds and springs nearby.

# **Scotts and Motts / Charity Farm**







Scott & Motts on the 1838

on the 1895 map

on a 1960s map

Chelmsford Chronicle 12 June 1835

#### TO BE LET BY TENDER,

For a term of 14 Years from Michaelmas next,

A LL that FARM called SCOTTS AND MOTTS;
of Meadow, Pasture, and Arable Land, in the parish
of Goldhanger, in Essex, belonging to the Feoffees of
the Witham Almshouse Estates, in the occupation of
Mr. William Carter.

For terms and particulars apply to Messrs. Pattisson and Cutts, Solicitors, Witham, at whose Office Tenders in Writing must be delivered on or before MONDAY, the 22d day of June next.

Witham, 27th May, 1835.



This photo of a German aircraft crash site taken in WW-2 shows Scotts & Motts Farm in the backgroud with what appear to be farmhouse or cottage in the centre

Several early references have been found linking Scotts & Motts at Goldhanger to the Newland Street Almshouses in Witham...

#### Deeds of 1571-1653 (ERO D/DHt T325/1):

Bargain and Sale Christian Tendringe of Boreham, yeoman,/Duke of Buckingham, Lord High Admiral, of parkland at New Hall, ... sold to John and Thomas Corter by feffees Boreham etc. of poor in Witham, 1626... Cottage and land called Scotts (10a.) and Motts (30a.) in Goldhanger. Includes licence of alienation from Robert Mildmay to William Ward, 1637

#### Sessions Rolls of 1599 (ERO Q/SR 148/125):

We, Peter Tuke and Christopher Chibborne, esquires, Justices, upon the complaint of John Scott of Goldhanger, yeoman, went to the house of the said John in Goldhanger called "Scottis" and there found John Denye and Richard Person Forcibly keeping the same, contrary to the Stature of 8 Henry VI... and committed them to gaol until they should paya fins.

#### Deeds of 1742 (ERO D/P 30/25/72):

St. Nicolas, Witham, Bridge Street Almshouse Charity, Unknown donor. Lease for 21 years at £18 per annum to John Holt Goldhanger yeoman. Cottage and 4 crofts of land (10 acres) called Scotts, and lands (30 acres) in occupation of Daniel Constable.

(There are 12 others similar Deeds in ERO between 1626 - 1808)

A reference to: 'Scotts and Motts, alias Westwoods, in Goldhangre' by Phillip Morant in 1768 Called Scotts and Motts in 'The people's history of Essex' in 1861

#### On the 1820 Tithe Awards:

Owner: Trustees of Witham poor - Occupier in the Homestead: William Wade (building not named) On the 1838 Tithe Awards:

Homestead Scottes & Mottes - Owner: Trustees of Witham poor - Occupier: William Wade

#### an extract from... SEAX / English Heritage listing (SMR 46262) dated 2007

Charity cottage, Goldhanger. The cottage stands on site of farmhouse along the Maldon Road, west of the village once known as Scotts and Motts, a former poorhouse used since at least 1626. Early deeds dating back to 1626 reveal that a messuage with 4 crofts called Scotts, lands called Motts (ERO D/DHt 354/1) was being used as a *feoffment on trust* (ERO D/P 30/25/65) for the poor of Witham (ERO D/P 30/25/81) by the Bridge Street Almshouse Charity, whose donor is unknown. The house and land seems to have been used up to at least 1803 and possibly later as in 1848 there is a mention of a farm at Goldhanger used for the endowment of 10 widows. There appears to have been a house on the same site until now but it is unclear whether this is the original house used by the charity.

The house has been called Charity Farm on recent electoral rolls. Scott & Motts has all but disappeared.

# **Vaulty Manor**







shown as 'Jehus' on the 1838 Tithe map



shown as 'Vaulty Manor' on a 1960s map

The Manor and farm are not shown on the 1730 and 1777 maps. however some buildings are shown on the 1799 & 1805 maps but are un-named. A property called Fawlty is shown on the 1805 &1838 maps but it is where Gardeners Farm stands today.

To be SULD by AUCTION,

By CHAPMAN and SON,

On Thursay the 7th of December, 1786, at Vaulty's Farm,
in the parish of Goldhanger, commonly called Jeha's,

PARMING STOCK and HOUSHOUD FURNITURA,
confising of waggons, carts, since and wood rolls,
loading and other ladders, working tools, hog trougls,
grindstones, a steel mait mill almost new, a pair of wind-arcoal range, a copper, great choice of iron boand butts, and
hogshead casts, with many other articles.

The sale to begin at 10 o'clock.



With Possession at Michaelmas next,
THE FARM called VAULTY'S or JEHU'S,
consisting of a good Dwelling-House and Outbuildings, with 27 Acres of excellent Turnip Land
and 68 Acres of Pasture, also the ISLAND FARM,
called Oosey Island, containing 242 Acres of capital
Arable Land, and 126 Acres of Saltings, situate about
three miles from Maldon, in the parishes of Little
Totham, Great Totham, and Goldhanger.
To view, apply to Mr. Edward Hammond, at Jehu's
Farm; and for particulars to Mr. Lawrence, Solicitor,
or Mr. Alfred May, Auctioneer, Appraiser, and Estate
Agent, Maldon.



Before the Reformation the manor belonged to Beeliegh Abbey, but Henry VIII sold it to Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk in 1538.

The name of the Manor has has been spelt many ways over the centuries...

Faulty in 'The Reformation in Essex to The Death Of Mary' in 1538. Faulty in 1565 (ERO D/DBe T14) Faltey in Henry VIII's Roll 28, Monasterium Bileigh. Faity, in this legal dispute 1573...

At the aforesaid Time of the taking of the Cattle above supposed to be done, was, with the Appurtenances, in Goldhanger aforesaid, whereof, long before the taking of the said Cattle above sup-

in this legal dispute 15/3...

posed to be done, one this leg, last Deke of Suffolk, was seized in its Deniene as of Fee. And being so seized thereof, the same late Duke of Suffolk, before the aforesaid Time when, &c. vir. the 20th Day of March, in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of Lord Henry the Eighth, late King of England, at Goldhunger aforesaid, gave, granted, and confirmed to one Robert Tropps, of Loudon, Goldsmith, and to Joan, then his Wife, the aforesaid Place with the Appurtenances, in which, &c. amongst other Things, to have and to hold to the sathe Robert and Joan for Term of their Lives, nod of the longer Liver of them, without Impeachment of any Wast, the Remainder thereof, after the Death of the aforesaid Robert Trapps, and Joan, to Nicholat Trapps, one of the Sons of the said Robert Trapps, and to the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten, and for Default of such Issue, the Remainder thereof to one Francis Trapps, another of the Sons of the said Robert Trapps, and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

The Evangelical Magazine and Missionary Chronicle of 1842

TO MILLERS .- WANTED Situation in a respectable Dissenting Family, for a Youth, as APPRENTICE at a WATER CORN-MILL, where he will be treated as one of the Family. A Premium will be given. Address Mr. James Wood, Goldhanger, near Maldon, Essex.

Faltie alias Pawtie, ERO on deed and Marriage settlement of 1643 (ERO D/DR T28/2)

Vantie alias Faltie ERO on deeds in 1677 (ERO D/DR T28/3)

Falty, alias/with: Ravens Croft, Ravens Marshes, Pipers & Pipers Marsh on deeds of 1709 (ERO D/DR T28/6) Fawlty in 'Excursions in the County of Essex' in 1818 and in...

The History and Topography of the County of Essex' in 1831

Called Jehews Farm in the 1820 Tithe Awards, Henry Coape is listed as owner and James Wood as the farmer, and in 1842 James Wood advertised for an apprentice at the water corn-mill at Goldhanger...

Called Jehurs Farm, in 1841 census and on the 1880 OS map.

The farm was part of the Henry Coe Coape estate in the mid 1800s.

The name Faulty was also used in the 1700s for Gardeners Farm

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