

SANDHURST: A STUDY OF MINOR & FIELD NAMES

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In this study of Sandhurst I have attempted to trace the minor and field-names as early as possible and also the modern names. With this last I have met with only limited success as there appears to be little documented evidence of present-day field-names, although there have been few boundary changes and for the most part the field names are easily identifiable with the Tithe map. The exception to this is the area surrounding Bengrove Farm where the fields have not only been divided but have also changed their shapes.

The name SANDHURST means sandy wooded hill but it is very sparsely wooded these days. The Tithe map shows a number of "Groves" "Orchards" and "Reddings" (cleared of stumps). Some of the principal farm names date back to the 11th/13th centuries -

- BRAWN FARM: Brewer 1086 (the brew house - there are several hopyard shewn on the T/M)  
ABLCADS COURT: Abbelada 1190 (Abbas river crossing)  
BENGROVE: Bendegrave 1271 (Origin a bit obscure, was possibly the site of Coverdin)  
MUSSELL END: Moreslade 1200 (Valley in the moor or marsh) refers to the shallow depression anove Sandhurst)  
WALLSWORTH: Waleswurthe 1200 (Enclosure of Walh the Welshman)  
WILLINGTON COURT: Wilintone 1201 (Farmstead near the willows)  
also ABBOT'S LODGE (Abbodeshulle 1263) BARROW FARM (Barrows Farm 1839) CUFFRIES (- farm 1839) MOAT FARM (1839) PENNELLS FARM (Pinkewellemede 1210) GARDINERS FARM (Gardners 1839) CHURCH'S COTTAGES (Churchbarne 1537) FORTY GREEN (Fortiscrofte 1575) THE POUND (Pondfalde 1383) SINGLETON DECOY POOLS (Decoy 1839)

All names in capital letters are present-day spelling.

FIELD NAMES

Many of these are self-explanatory showing the size, shape or former use. These are taken from the Tithe apportionment, the dates in brackets being the earliest record and where possible the latest date recorded.

Former use - Milking Ground, Old Mill (on Horn's Brook) Brick Kiln Acre, Dog Paddock, Perry Orchard Old Orchard Stone Pit Orchard, Smith field, Hopyard. Surnames - Wards Piece, Sparrows Piece, Snows Ground, Vineys, Holtes Meadow (1764), Robins (1705), Ploughed Strunells,

- Crofts - Whitecroft, Ellens Croft, Putcroft, Long Croft, Hollow Croft, Forty Croft, Pocroft.
- Groves - Bengrove, Bellgrove Piece, Great Grove, Queens Grove, Little Grove, Ravensoak Grove, Vinegar Grove, Daws Grove.
- Leys - Rudgley, Tuckley, Long Leys, Bradley, Great Leys, Bushley, Bisley Redding.
- Others - Black Furlong (Black Furnell 1764), Stoney Furnel (1764), Old House Grounds (1764), Gaston Field (1764, Gaston Ground 1906), Butchers Plecks (1768), Shippen Orchard, Shepherds Bord (1764), Lecture Lands (1768), Frog Castle Ground (1768), Burnt House Piece, The Sturt, Nanny Deans, Six Acres Pit (1792, Pitt Furlong 1812).

In a letter about the Glebe Lands Act 1905 Hills Ground, Hallings, Bullgers and Lords Field are listed. Great Chill Meadow, The Grove, Gaston Ground and Horns Meadow are mentioned in Sale Particulars 1906 but in 1913 referred to jonly as Orchard, Pasture, etc. I am hoping to do further work on this during the summer. A full list would contain about 200 field-names.