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WALTHAM

**I**S bounded on the west by the river Lea; on the north by Harlow hundred; on the east by that of Ongar, and a small part of Becontree. It is of a triangular figure; about ten miles and a half from north to south, and six and a half where broadest, from east to west; but in the southern part it is but two miles, and less. Anciently it belonged to the abbey of Waltham. At the suppression coming to the crown, it hath since passed by grant to the owners of the site of the abbey, the families of Denny, Hay, Jones, and Wake.

There are in it only these four parishes, which are in the forest.

Waltham-Holy-Cross,		Nasing, and
Epping,		Chingford.

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WALTHAM-HOLY-CROSS

**I**S a place of great antiquity, seated on the east side of the Lea (which by act of parliament in the reign of queen Elizabeth, was made navigable from Ware to London) which not only parts Hertfordshire from Essex, but also divideth itself into several small rivers or rivulets coming into town, and over which are many bridges, some kept up at the public; and some by private, expence. A new navigable river hath lately been cut here; it takes it's rise at a place called Ives's-ferry, in Hertfordshire, where it is supplied from the old river Lea, and extends through part of this town, Endfield, Edmonton, and Hackney marshes; Bromley, Limehouse, and Dick-shore, emptying itself into the Thames: the chief utility of which is, the navigation to this town is shortened about ten miles, and the expensive delay of the craft in the Thames by easterly winds is in a great measure avoided. These rivers afford plenty of fish, some salmon-trouts, eels, carp, tench, pike, perch, crawfish, and many others. Near the town, on one of these rivers are several curious gunpowder-mills, upon a new construction, worked by water; (the old ones having been worked by horses) they are reckoned the most complete in England, and will make near an hundred barrels weekly for government service, each barrel containing one hundred weight. They are now the property of Bouchier Walton, esq.

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