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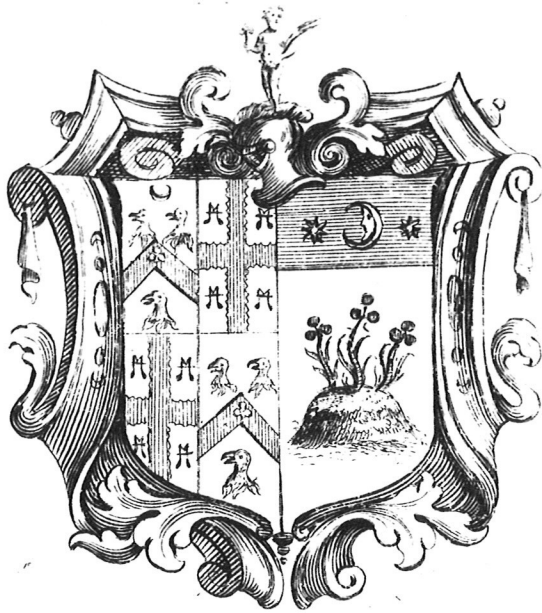
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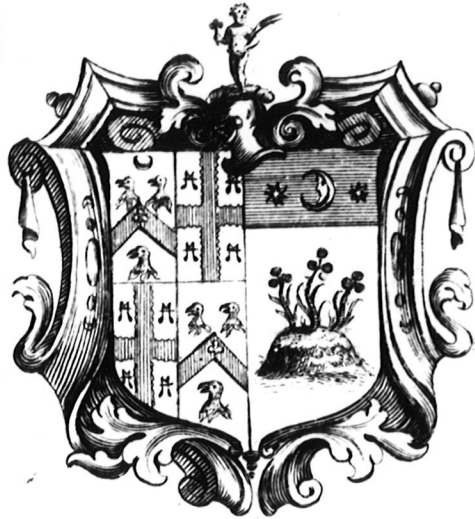


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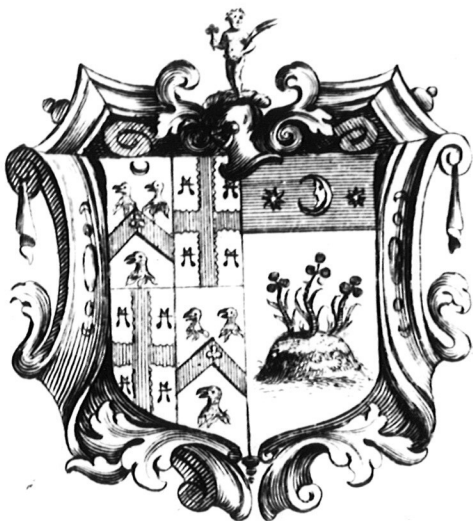


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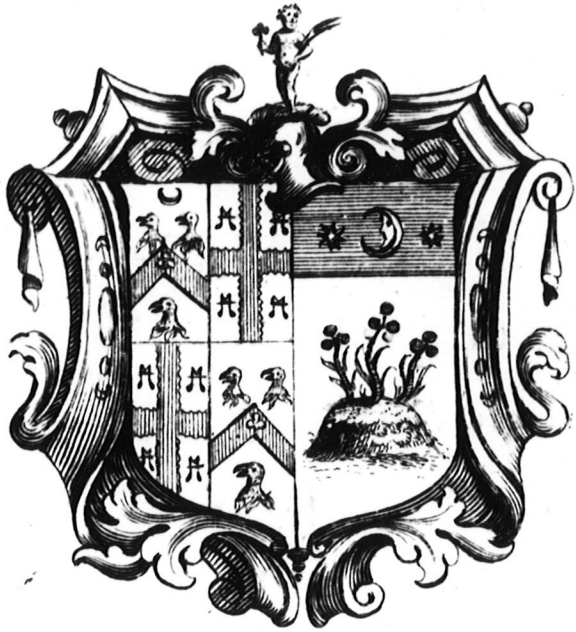


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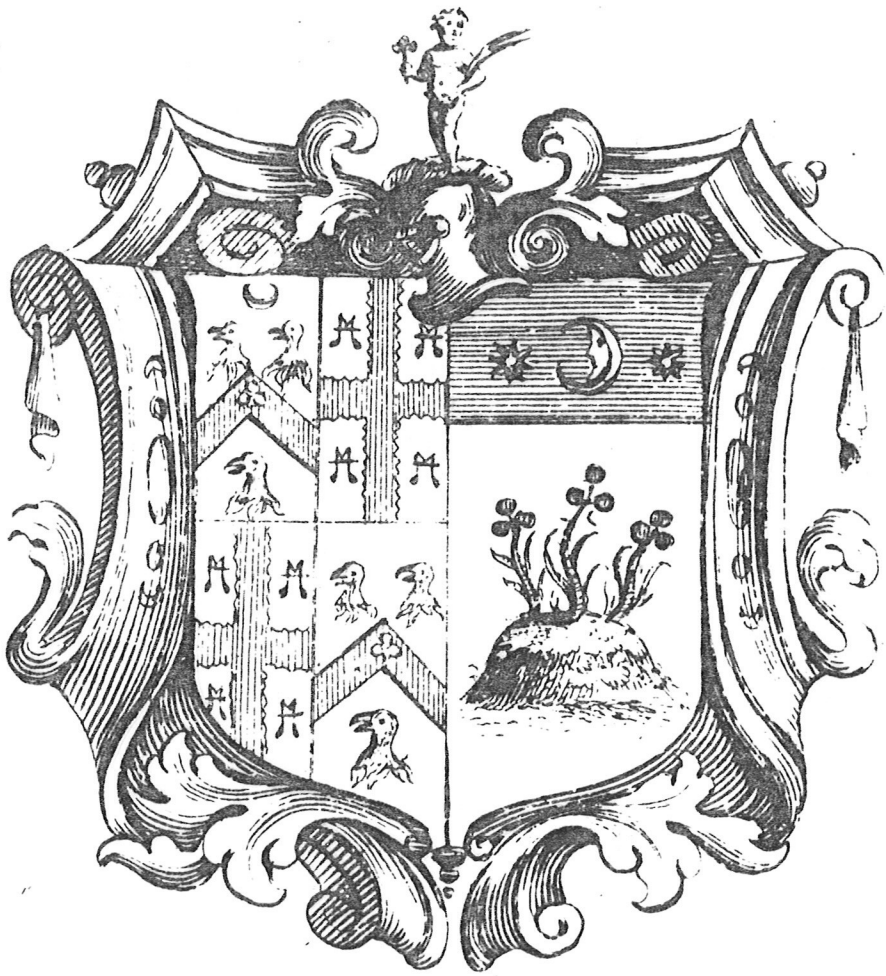
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Enq. 1439

18

February, 1964.

Dear Sir,

It would be appreciated if you would please let me know the cost of the various types of copies available (photocopy, black and white, colour) of the Arms of John Walton of Waltham Abbey.

The Arms are depicted in J. Farmer's History of Waltham Abbey, published in 1735, at which time Walton was the owner of the Gunpowder Mills on the site of this Establishment.

Yours faithfully,

M. McLaren,  
for Director,  
Explosives Research and  
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R.O. Dennys, Esq., O.B.E.  
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FROM R. O. DENNY'S, O.B.E.,  
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CITY 4300

196h February, 1964.

The Director,  
Ministry of Aviation,  
Explosives Research and Development Establishment,  
Waltham Abbey,  
Essex.



Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of the 18th February,  
ref. Enq. 1439.

I have made a preliminary examination of the  
official registers of the College of Arms, but cannot  
find any pedigree or arms recorded for any family of  
Walton of Waltham Abbey, Essex.

It would seem therefore that John Walton, who  
owned the Gunpowder Mills in 1735, was either claiming  
Arms to which he had established no official right,  
or Farmer had made a wrong attribution in his history.

There is no copy of Farmer's book readily available  
here, but if you would like to send me a copy of the  
Arms in it, I will see if they can be identified.

Yours faithfully,

*Rodney Denny's.*

Rouge Croix Pursuivant of Arms



ENQ. 1439

25 February, 1964

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 19th February, 1964.

Unfortunately we do not have a copy of Farmer's History of Waltham Abbey in the Establishment, but I will ask the Essex Record Office to prepare from their copy a negative of the page which depicts the Arms followed by the dedication to John Walton. I shall then send you a print in the hope that the Arms might please be identified.

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ENQ 1439 R.G.P.F.

Records at Ingatestone Hall  
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CJ  
ENQ.1439

13 December, 1963

Dear Mr. Ennison,

Recently a visit was made to Ingatestone Hall by Mr. R.G. Ross of this Establishment, who saw on display some photographs or prints of the Royal Gunpowder Factory.

Our Director, Dr. C.H. Johnson, has now asked me to make further enquiries as we are compiling a catalogue of references to all known records of the early history of this Establishment.

It would be appreciated if you would kindly let me know if any collections of such records exist or whether the individual items, as those seen at Ingatestone Hall, are dispersed throughout the Essex records.

If at all convenient, I should welcome the opportunity of visiting Chelmsford to see any material which would be of interest.

Yours faithfully,

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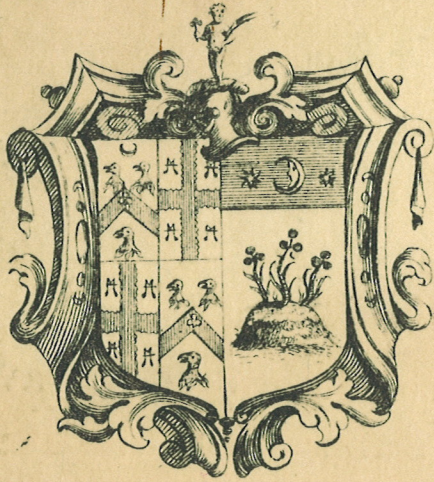
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Vol. I (1903) sections on Essex natural history, archaeology and Domesday (with translated text). Index at end to Domesday section only. Vol. II (1907) sections on religious houses, schools, industries, population (census tables for every parish from 1801), and general political, social and economic history.  
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- Dr. Pevsner's The Buildings of Essex (1 vol., 1954).  
Brief notes, arranged alphabetically by parishes, on items of architectural interest to the present day. Shelf S.2
- Newcourt's Repertorium Ecclesiasticum Parochiale Londinense (vol. II, 1710). Shelf S.12  
Essex CLERGY lists, arranged under parishes, with details of peculiar jurisdictions and other ecclesiastical matters. For additions to Newcourt's lists, see Smith's Essex Church and other Notes, Reaney's Early Essex Clergy (both Shelf S.12), and Morant's History of Essex (Shelf 35).  
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- Reports of Commissioners on Essex Charities (1 vol., 1819-37).  
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- Essex Review (64 vols., 1892-1955).  
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- Essex Naturalist (from 1880; in progress).  
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- East Anglian (15 vols., 1864-1905).  
Indexes of persons, places and subjects at end of vols. I-IV (old series) and I-VII (new series); index of subjects, vol. VIII (new series); no index, vols. IX, XI (new series); indexes of persons, places and subjects, vol. X (new series). Shelf 32
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- R.B. Pugh's How to Write a Parish History (1954, Shelf S.2), W.G. Hoskin's Local History in England (1959, Shelf N), and F. Celoria's Teach Yourself History (1958, Shelf N), give further suggestions as to sources for the local historian
- Printed sources which should not be forgotten by the GENEALOGIST include. Indexes to WILLS (see also p. 5 WILLS) Heralds' VISITATIONS and PARISH REGISTERS (for details see Library Subject Index under these titles).
- Dictionary of National Biography (22 vols., including Supplement, 1908-09); also Concise Dictionary of National Biography (complete to 1930). Shelves 26-27
- Oxford English Dictionary (13 vols., including Supplement and Biography, 1933). Shelf 29
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MEANS OF REFERENCE TO MS. SOURCES

ESSEX RECORD OFFICE PUBLICATIONS

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Introductory notes explain nature and content of each class of record.

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Index of persons, parishes and subjects

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Photographs of Tithe, Enclosure and Estate Maps

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Index of surveyors, engravers and publishers.

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E.J. Erith, Essex Parish Records, 1240-1894 (1950).

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For each parish there is an envelope containing cards showing the material arranged under archive classes. This is a master index to all relevant sources and also a selective index to outstanding material. It includes printed and secondary sources, pictures, postcards, etc. It is co-ordinated with the parish references in the general printed indexes to Part II of the Guide, the Catalogue of Maps and Essex Parish Records.

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Shelf S.24

Calendar of Quarter Sessions Rolls (Q/SR), 1556-1714.

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Shelves S.6,13

Calendar of Assize Files (in P.R.O.), from 1558 (in progress).

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Sale Catalogues, mainly 19th and 20th century auctions of property, with many plans. Card index.

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INDEXES (cont.)

To Personal Names

Calendar of Quarter Sessions Rolls (Q/SR), 1556-90 (typescript),  
Index of all names at end of Vols. I-XVI: see also next entry and  
Guide to the Essex Record Office, Part I, p.9

General Index (in progress). This slip index incorporates all personal names in  
 (1) the Calendar of Q.S. Rolls, 1591-1714, (2) the Calendar of Assize Files from 1558,  
 (3) the typescript calendars of deeds in Estate Archives (D/D; Guide Part II pp 19-87  
 and (4) other selected classes. Each reference gives: date, catalogue mark, if  
 possible, parish (usually abode), and indicates 'Will' or 'Pedigree' where appropriate.

Special Indexes, available only on application to Supervisor. A series of indexes  
 to records and a few printed sources, selected mainly as county 'directories' at  
 spaced intervals

		<u>No. of</u> <u>Names</u>	<u>See Guide:</u>
Ship Money Assessment (T/A 42)	1637	15,000	II,p.110 2vols.
Hearth Tax Assessment (Q/RTh 1)	1662	20,000	I,p.48 )
Poll Book (MS., D/DKw 04)	1679	4,400	II,p.46 )
Poll Book (copy)	1694	5,000	II,p.111 )
Poll Books (printed)	1710,1715	4,000	II,p.111 )
Oath Book(Q/RRo 1/5)	1714-16	1,250	I,p.45 )
Freeholders' Book (Q/RJ 1)	1734	2,500	I,p.75 )
Freeholders' Book (Q/RJ 2)	1759	2,500	I,p.75 )
Poll Book (printed)	1763	3,000	II,p.111 ) Slip Indexes
Land Tax Assessments (Q/RP 1)	1782	20,000	I,p.52 )
Hair Powder Tax (Q/RTP)	1795	2,500	I,p.51 )
Poll Book (printed) (Q/RPe)	1810	3,500	I,p.54 )
Register of Electors (printed)	1832-38	9,500	I,p.53 )
Parish Tithe Awards (D/CT)	1838-59	50,000	II,p.88 )
Poor Law Settlement Papers (D/P)	1588-1850	20,000	II,p.106 )
Marriage Licences (men only; D/A)	1665-1851	45,000	II,p.97 3 vols.
Alphabetical list of Freeholders from polls	1763,1768, 1774	8,700	<u>Shelf 51</u> 1vol.
Calendar of deeds of Saffron Walden District (T/A 117/1-6) 13th-18th cent		3,200	2 vols.
Register of Electors	1868	12,900	Slip Index
'New Domesday', owners of lands	1873	22,305	1 vol.
Borton: <u>History of Rochford Hundred</u> (Library, <u>Shelf 30</u> )		4,000	Slip Index
Dauids: <u>Annals of Evangelical Nonconformity</u> in Essex (Library, <u>Shelf 5</u> )		4,200	Slip Index

To Wills

Wills of the Commissary Court of London (Essex and East Hertfordshire juris-  
 diction), the Archdeaconries of Essex, Colchester and Middlesex (Essex and East  
 Hertfordshire) and Essex Peculiars have been recently transferred to the Essex  
 Record Office. Most were formerly at Somerset House. See Wills at Chelmsford,  
1400-1619 (1958) and Wills at Chelmsford, 1620-1720 (1961); indexes of personal  
 names, parishes and occupations. MS. indexes of personal names in later wills,  
 1721-1858, are available on application to the Supervisor.

To Subjects

A master card index (in progress), co-ordinated with the subject index to Part I  
 and the general indexes to Part II of the Guide, Catalogue of Maps and Essex Parish  
Records. It is fully cross-referenced and contains details of all items in the office  
typescript catalogues not of sufficient individual importance to be included in the  
 printed Guide. It includes a small section arranged chronologically, showing the  
 material relevant to any particular reign or period or to important events in each  
 reign or period.

Students' Room (on application to supervisor)



MEANS OF REFERENCE TO MS. SOURCES (cont.)

TYPESCRIPT CATALOGUES\*

These amplify and supplement the details given in the printed Guide.

	Cat. Mark	Binder Labels	Shelf	See Guide
Quarter Sessions Records	Q/	Orange	S.8B	Part I
Quarter Sessions Rolls Calendar (26 vols.)	Q/SR		S.6,13	I,pp.3-9
Quarter Sessions Bundles selective calendar (in progress, 2 files)	Q/SBb		S.13	
Official Records other than Quarter Sessions:-		White	S.8B	
School Records	E/			I,p.93
Guardians Records	G/			I,p.90
Highway Boards Records	H/			I,p.90
Licutenancy Records	L/			I,p.83
Petty Sessions Records	P/			I,p.82
Estate and Family Archives	D/DA- D/DZ	Blue Blue	S.9,10A 10B,11	Part II Part II
Parish Records	D/P	White	S.11	II,p.100
Other Deposited Records:-		White	S.8B	
Archdeaconry Records	D/A			II,p.93
Borough Records	D/B			II,p.108
Tithe Awards	D/CT			II,p.88
Local Boards of Health	D/H			
Nonconformist Records	D/N			II,p.107
Charity Records	D/Q			II,p.108
Rural District Councils	D/R			
Sewers Records	D/S			I,p.93
Turnpike Records	D/T			I,p.90
Urban District Councils	D/U			
Miscellaneous	D/Z			II,p.109
Transcripts, catalogues, calendars and photographs of documents NOT in Essex Record Office	T/	Pink	S.8B	II,p.110

\* Some are calendars, giving all the essential information in the documents listed and often obviating any need to consult the originals. Others are summary catalogues giving sufficient detail of the nature, content and date of the documents listed to show whether they are worth consulting or not.

Revised January, 1963



MINISTRY OF RECORDS AND DOCUMENTATION

From: (Branch and Address)		To:
E. McLaren		Director
Telephone No.	Extn.	
Our ref:		Your ref:

I enclose some notes on the visit to the Essex Record Office at Chelmsford, together with the photographs, as promised, of the barge which is lying on the south bank of the Black Ditch.

Also enclosed is the catalogue of the Auction Sale to be held at the Waltham Abbey Town Hall on Friday, 6th March. Lots 242 and 243 are copies of Farmer's 1735 History.

No doubt you will have seen the material which is on display in the windows at the far end of the churchyard path.

*E. McLaren*

3.3.64

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Use the reverse for continuation or reply as necessary.







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- 1812 Plan of Lea Navigation Scheme showing Powder Mills as six buildings in outline.
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ENQ. 1439

28 February, 1964

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Yours faithfully,

M. McLaren,  
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Explosives Research and  
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R.O. Denny, Esq., O.B.E.,  
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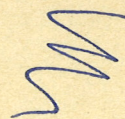
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FROM R. O. DENNYS. O.B.E.  
ROUGE CROIX PURSUIVANT OF ARMS

COLLEGE OF ARMS,  
QUEEN VICTORIA STREET, LONDON, E.C.4.  
CITY 4300

196h February, 1964.

The Director,  
Ministry of Aviation,  
Explosives Research and Development Establishment,  
Waltham Abbey,  
Essex.

EXPLOSIVES  
& DEVELOPMENT  
20 FEB 1964  
WALTHAM ABBEY

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of the 18th February,  
ref. Enq. 1439.

I have made a preliminary examination of the  
official registers of the College of Arms, but cannot  
find any pedigree or arms recorded for any family of  
Walton of Waltham Abbey, Essex.

It would seem therefore that John Walton, who  
owned the Gunpowder Mills in 1735, was either claiming  
Arms to which he had established no official right,  
or Farmer had made a wrong attribution in his history.

There is no copy of Farmer's book readily available  
here, but if you would like to send me a copy of the  
Arms in it, I will see if they can be identified.

Yours faithfully,

*Rodney Denny's.*

Rouge Croix Pursuivant of Arms



Enq. 1439

18 February, 1964.

Dear Sir,

It would be appreciated if you would please let me know the cost of the various types of copies available (photocopy, black and white, colour) of the Arms of John Walton of Waltham Abbey.

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list of books, papers, illustrations, and other  
subjects located in places other than the  
E.R.D.E. but having historic or similar  
interest concerning the E.R.D.E. and  
its predecessors

### Key to Locations

ECRO = Essex County Record Office  
? = Not known (~~but has been~~  
(but unless stated otherwise no enquiries made).

This list was first commenced  
in systematic form on 23.1.64

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1. Notes on collection of information
2. List of items with locations.



## Notes on collection of information

### 1. Essex County Record Office

ECRO supplied a brief list of ~~names~~ <sup>items of interest</sup> in a letter dated ----- ~~from~~ LS Aff visited the ECRO on 22.1.64 to examine them. Not all the items mentioned were available.

### 2. Public Record Office

A list is held (WASC 175) of items held in the P.R.O. This is possibly not complete.



Location  
(with shelf no or  
other reference  
where known)

1 ECRO  
Q/RUm 1/22

~~1812.~~ 1812. "Plan of the Navigation Scheme. Scale 1" = 5 chains.  
22" x 14" with one inch border. Black and white.

~~Shows~~  
Locations ~~shown~~ named are (N. to S.) Powder Mills, Canal,  
lock, Rammev Marsh, Wild Marsh, Cobmead Marsh,  
Road from Enfield Wash. The buildings shown at  
Powder Mills ~~is~~ are (N. to S) one T shape, two rectangular  
(spanning water cuts), two circular, one small rectangle.

"Essex. The above map or plan was on the twenty ninth  
day of September 1812 deposited for public inspection  
at the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for the County  
of Essex situate in the town of Chelmsford in the said  
County as directed by the standing orders of the House of  
Commons. (Sig.) Bullock, Clerk of the Peace."

2 ECRO  
Shelf No 30

~~1735.~~ 1735. J. Farmer  
The history of the ancient town, and once famous  
Abbey, of Waltham, in the county of Essex, from the  
foundation to the present time. Containing many  
curious abstracts from Records, Leger-Books, Grants,  
Charters... Together with the Inquisition taken of the  
perambulation of the Forest of Waltham... To which is  
added The History of the Abbies, abridg'd, from the  
year 977 to their Dissolution, and down to the reign  
of Queen Elizabeth. Illustrated with many curious copper plates.  
By J. Farmer, of Waltham Abbey, Gent. ... London; Printed  
for the author. MDCCLXXXV.

ECRO has  
another copy  
also. Neither  
is complete  
but whole work  
is represented).

~~The "History" and the "History of the Abbies" both  
have dedications to~~

From Preface: "... I pay my first compliments to John Walton  
Esq., to whom I am oblig'd, as for a long and beautiful series  
of favours on this and many other accounts, so in particular  
for his assiduity and goodness in obtaining me the liberty to  
take copies, from the records in the Tower of London, of the  
original Grants and Charters of this once famous Abbey..."

Has a list of Subscribers.

~~Contains a Dedication to John Walton with the Walton coat of  
arms~~

~~Contains the~~ ~~Plan~~ illustration "Powdermills at Waltham  
Abbey. ~~Waltham~~ - To John Walton Esq. ... R. West  
delin. 1735.

The "History of the Abbies" has a dedication to John Walton with the  
Walton coat of arms.



Location

3 ECRO  
Acc. 3086  
D/DHFP19-26

1825-1840. Draft maps.

The following group of maps (P19-26) are drafts used for the 11th Award and Map of Waltham Holy Cross, 1842, which was adapted from the 1826 survey. Many are on tracing paper and in poor condition. Those of the town centre appear to be drafts for the 1826 survey (paper is watermarked 1823) with later erasures and amendments made c. 1840.

P19, 20	Waltham Holy Cross, excluding town centre	2 bundles	c. 1825-40
P21	N. Side of Sun Street	2 "	"
P22	S. " " " "	1 "	c. 1825
P23	S. " " High Bridge St.	2 "	c. 1825-40
P24	N. Powdermill Lane " including	1 "	"
P25	N. Side of High Bridge St. E of Powdermill Lane.	1 "	"
P26	Sewardstone St., Silver St. and E. Side of Bakers Entry and Paradise Row.	1 "	"

The many maps have not been examined or listed in detail. One, in P19 showed Mills with shapes of buildings on a scale approx 1" = 200 feet.

4 ECRO  
D/DJg 016

1880-1881

Correspondence<sup>etc.</sup> relating to application by New River Co. for permission to divert a public footpath through Sewardstone Mills from the W to the E side, and to proposed application by the Schultze Gumpowder Co. for permission to erect a gumpowder factory.

1 bundle of papers which include: -

Plans showing cottages, factory, waterways and footpaths (RGPF area not depicted).

Pamphlet: The new chemical gumpowder, ~~to~~ and its advantages over the old black gumpowder and its substitutes. By the inventor ... Capt. Eduard Schultze of the Royal Prussian Artillery and Director of the Patent Powder Mills at Potsdam etc. Authorized translation ... London, Asher & Co. ... 1865. 55p.

Various descriptive pamphlets on Schultze's ~~gumpowder~~ powder.

Application on behalf of Schultze Gumpowder Company Ltd. to Waltham Abbey local Board of Health for the establishment of a factory for gumpowder manufacture on the premises known as the Sewardstone Mills. 21 Sept. 1880.



Location

6 ECRO  
D/DH & P11

1821 Map.

Accurate survey of all lands and buildings the property of His Ordnance at the Royal Works (sic) Waltham Abbey made in compliance with the Master General and Boards Circular Order of 6th June 1821.

Black and white with pink for buildings, blue for water, and green.

Approx 24" x 48". Scale ~~200 feet~~ 1" = 200 feet.

with key to ~~buildings~~ lists over 200 buildings.

Extends from ~~Lower Island~~ Kings Weir and Tumbling Bay in North to Lower Island in South.

This copy is much damaged and ~~some~~ parts detached and missing. Most of the RGPF area seems to be present but in common with the rest of the map is much torn and damaged with ~~detached~~ parts detached.

6 ECRO  
T/P 110/88

A collection of newspaper cuttings <sup>concerning Waltham Abbey</sup> mounted on 11 sheets. Three of the sheets contain ~~some~~ illustrations and items concerning the RGPF. (and arrangements are being made to obtain copies of these).

7 ECRO

John Chapman and Peter Andre.

Map of the County of Essex from an actual survey taken in MDCCCLXXII : LXXIII & MD CCLXXIV.

August 1833. Printed and Published by Chalk, Meggy & Chalk... Chelmsford. Published in the Act direct Oct. 1st 1777 by John Chapman and Peter Andre... London.

Plate XVI covers the area Waltham Cross - Sugar - Walthamstow - Rumford. 22 x 18". Scale 2" = 1 mile.



9 ? (Details given in Victoria County History of Essex bibliography)

Deedes, C. Charles Jones Esq. and ~~Philippa~~ Philippa Walton, Widow of Waltham Abbey. Essex Review xxvi, 49. Dispute over water mills.

10 ? "

Sel. Cttee. on Waltham Abbey Gunpowder Factory Bill. H.C. 403 (1888), xxiii; H.C. 135 (1889), xvi.

11 ? "

Rep. of Cttee. on the future of A.M. Factories at ~~the~~ ... Waltham Abbey. Cmd. 667. H.C. (1920)

12 ? "

Nathan, F.L. Waltham Fisheries. Memorandum on the controversies which have taken place between the War Dept. and the Lee Conservancy Board. Essex Arch. Society.

Add other inf from letter.  
i.e. the map/s?

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the legal correspondence.





Ministry of Aviation  
E.R.D. Ee

Photo copies requested from ERO 22.1.1964

Q/RUm 1/22 Block plan of G/P mills (1812)  
on Lea Navigation Scheme

Chapman & André Map of Walkham Holy Cross  
(Plate XVI) & Powder Mills area only (1777)

T/P 110/88 [ Powder Mills Walkham Abbey  
- engraving from Hughson's  
Description of London (1808)  
sheet 1 [ Lt newspaper cutting at foot  
of page Explosivsek  
1811, 1760, 1790, 1811


sheet 2 [ Powder Mills Walkham Abbey  
2 cuttings with illustrations at  
foot of page 1894 - 1890

sheet 3 [ Her Majesty's G/P Mills at Walkham Abbey  
Whole page

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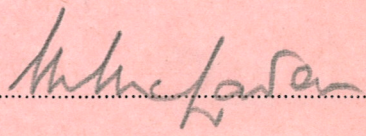
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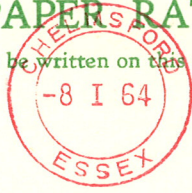
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Students' Appointments

Your ref: ENQ. 1439

The County Archivist thanks you for your letter/~~card~~. It  
will (~~not~~) be convenient for you to attend the office on *Wed.*  
*22/1/1964* to examine *material relating to*  
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Please quote 7A in all correspondence.



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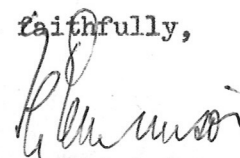
In reply to your enquiry of 13 December, there are several groups of documents here relating to the Gunpowder Factory, which would certainly be of interest to you.

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|---------|---|-------------------------|
| 1812    | Block plan of gunpowder mills on plan of Lea Navigation Scheme  | Q/RUm 1/22              |
| 1735    | Engraving of panoramic <sup>view</sup> of gunpowder Mills in Farmer's <u>History of Waltham Abbey</u>   |                         |
| 1777    | Mills shown on Chapman and Andres map.  |                         |
| 1826    | Detailed plan of Waltham Abbey Town area shows gunpowder mills  | T/M 274                 |
| 1825-6  | Draft maps show powdermill lane   | D/DHf P19-27            |
| 1783    | Photostat of map at Public Record Office of Powder Mills, names, mills and functions of buildings (e.g. hand crank corning house)                             | T/M <del>1783</del> 335 |
| 1821    | Draft tracing, Royal Ordnance Factory, Waltham Holy Cross   | D/DHf P11               |
| 1818-58 | Papers compiled by Law Agent to Principal Officers of H.M. Ordnance at Waltham Holy Cross   | D/DJg B1-16             |
| 1880-1  | Correspondence about application for permission to build gunpowder factory in Waltham Holy Cross<br><i>Plans and printed pamphlet on Schultze's Gunpowder</i> | <i>D/DJg 016</i>        |

The engraving of 1735 is that reproduced by W.H. Simmons, A Short History of the Royal Gunpowder Factory at Waltham Abbey, 1963. The print on display in the Georgian Essex exhibition was drawn and engraved by Ellis for Dr. Hughson's Description of London and published by T. Statford, 112 Holborn Hill, March 26th 1808. The map of 1826 was also on display at Ingatestone Hall. A collection of newscuttings (T/P 110/88) relating to Waltham Abbey includes 19th century views of the Gunpowder Mills and explosions there.

Please give alternative dates for a proposed visit; it would be preferable to avoid the last weeks in December and the first week in January, as the Students' Room will be crowded during the vacation.

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S P E C I A L N O T I C E

Until the County Hall Extension is completed, with new accommodation for the Record Office, working conditions in the present Office will become increasingly difficult. Alterations to the existing building have necessitated moving more than half the records in advance to temporary storage at some distance from the Students' Room, including all MS. estate and tithe maps. Owing to the limitations of the temporary accommodation allotted, NO TITHE MAPS or LARGE ESTATE MAPS will now be available until after the final removal to the new building in Spring 1964, although in most cases photographs can be examined in their place. Other items NOT NOW AVAILABLE until after the move, are PARISH RATE BOOKS, WAR RECORDS, ILLUSTRATIVE MATERIAL FROM PAST E.R.O. EXHIBITIONS, some PAMPHLETS and large ENGRAVINGS, and a number of FAMILY COLLECTIONS. Further restrictions may become necessary at short notice. According to present information the move will take place about March/April 1964 and will entail COMPLETE CLOSURE of the Record Office to the public for ONE MONTH. In the meantime, accommodation in the present Students' Room (where the attendances, around 5,000 a year, have more than doubled since 1961) is quite inadequate. It is not always possible to find room for all who wish to attend on any day, particularly those who risk coming without warning. Further, with the present storage problems, delays in production may be unavoidable. All students are asked to make APPOINTMENTS well in advance, suggesting alternative dates, and stating clearly (quoting catalogue marks if known) what they wish to see. Those who wish to attend on a Monday, should contact the Office by Friday morning at the latest. Appointments can be made by post (a reply will usually be sent by return) or telephone (Chelmsford 3231, Ext. 369). Students are asked to CANCEL appointments which cannot be kept, in order to make room for others. Every effort is being made to continue to give Record Office facilities to those who need them most, but the public are asked in the next six months to keep POSTAL ENQUIRIES and VISITS to the minimum. Their co-operation can do much to ease the complications of moving several million irreplaceable documents and maps, as well as a large library, not in one operation, but by stages involving more than one change of storage.

September, 1963.

F.G. EMMISON,  
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