

A True Coppy of the Customs of the Parish  
of Walsham in Wiltshires which have been  
in use out of memory of man for the  
Chief manner and also for the manner  
of the Church House and for the Customs  
Concerning our Herbage and Tithes Sett  
Down by all the Tennants & Chief Inhabitants  
of Walsham assented at a Court of Surviage  
Held for the Right Honorable Sir Nicolas Bacon  
Lord keeper of the great Seal of England upon  
the 14th Day of March in the 19th and 20th years  
of the Reigne of Queen Elizabeth Anno Domini  
1577 and 1578 as followeth

First the officer of the Heyward River  
or their Deputy or Deputies is to gather  
up the Lords Rent and to bring it to the Lords  
Auditt and for so doing they are allowed  
yearly three Rink of their Customary  
Tenants & their Customary Lands belongeth  
of the first Grant and to be allowed for Survey  
Branz found out of the same and also to  
have their Tinnars at the Lords Court

Also it is our Custome for the Jury to have  
their Fines at the Lords Court for Every man  
a penny paying

Also it is our Custome at Every Return of the  
Lord the Fines to be Returned by one penny  
to be pay by the Land Holder or Holders out  
of our Close Cullre Skete

Also it is our Custome & hath been time out  
of mind for Every Tenant to fill Timber  
of their Copy hold & Customary Lands for  
the making and Repairing of their houses  
and Buildings & all other manner their  
necessaries as well upon their Copy and  
Customary Lands as also upon their freehold

And to fill and fill Timber of their Copy hold  
and Customary Lands one Tenant to another  
for Building & Repairing their Tenants  
and all other necessary Repairs as  
well on their free Land as one their Copy hold

Also it is our Custome and hath been time  
out of mind for Every Tenant to have  
sell Crop and store all manner of wood  
for our own use upon our Copy holds &  
Customary holds and also to sell them  
at our Pleasures

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out of mind for every Tenant to Plant  
in the High ways & Commons every man  
against his own Grounds for and to  
Commodity and profitte

Also its for the Common Hallowd given all  
our Lords Tenants to say that our Lord  
of this manour is Lord of the Sile so far  
as our Lands do go and if ye Tenants of  
the D manor by old antient Custome time  
with out mind therein And upon ye whole  
Common of Hallowd Given by siding thre  
months of their Castle and Couchings as  
Intercommagrs with othr Towns

Also our Custome is for the mowring Land and  
Pasture the Laying of the pole is 16 foot & 1/2

Also for the great meadows Commonly calld or  
known by the name of Michael meadows  
the Custome there of is 14 foot & 1/2 to their Pole

Also their wood measure is 18 foot to the Pole  
Also it is our Custome of this manor that if  
any Tenant by sird of his Copy Lands  
Tenants is to be Equally divided and purted a  
managh all his sons according to the  
Law of Gavillkind

Also it is our Custome yt if one Tennant or  
more do Surrender his Lands & Tennants  
in to the hands of one Copy hold Tennant  
in the presence of a nother Copy hold Tennant  
then their Surrender to Remaine & continue  
good for one year and a day although there  
be Sevil Courts holden and kept within  
the year and if there be no Court kept  
with in yr year then the same Surrender  
to stand good and sufficient untill the  
next Court to be holden

These be the Customs which have been  
out of the mind of man for the man nor  
of the Church here as followeth

If any Tenant of this Mannor dye Sir then the Custome is that his Eldest Son is his Heir to his Coppy hold Land & Inheritance of the Mannor if have any other no Son then that same Land is to be Equally Divided between them.

it is our Custom hath been time out  
of mind for every Tenant to sell Timber  
in their Copy hold Lands for ye making  
Requiring their Consent & Barons &  
all other manner there ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> Barons and  
Tennants to a nother as well as their  
Hore Lands as their Bonds & Cunds

Also our Custom is that y<sup>e</sup> Jury allways  
which do serve Court Holdem for y<sup>e</sup>  
manner Shall have their Dinner freely  
at the Lords Cost and Charge ~  
For all the other the Customes they are  
the same that the Chiefe manner are

### The Names of the Jury

Francis Rookwood  
Tho<sup>r</sup> Lacy Gent  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Rampliey  
Tho<sup>r</sup> Flatman  
John Page  
Raynold Rampliey  
John Hargrey Jun<sup>r</sup>  
William Hawys  
Stephen Hawys  
Rud<sup>d</sup> Rainbird  
Nicholas Martin  
Tho<sup>r</sup> Grocer  
John Hawys  
Andrew Hawys  
Robt Hawys  
Rud<sup>d</sup> Corke  
Tho<sup>r</sup> Bridges  
Lawrence Rainbird  
Robt Barnham Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Austin Vincent

William Smyth  
Tho<sup>r</sup> Page  
Andrew Curtye  
John James  
John Radwode Sen<sup>r</sup>  
John Rainbird  
John Radwode Jun<sup>r</sup>  
John Rampliey  
John Corke  
Tho<sup>r</sup> Howard alias Smyth  
John Rorer  
John Hawys by Burkes  
Robt Jordon  
Robt Eldon Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Jno Crocker Jun<sup>r</sup>  
William Hawys  
John Rurlock  
Stephen Vincent  
John Guler  
Robt Ludman  
William Wyther  
William Atwell  
William Rice  
Ed<sup>d</sup> Baker

These are an Abstract or an Exact Copy  
of the Herbage and Tithes taken out of  
the most Antient Customs there to be found  
as follows

First our Custom of our Pasture ground  
is to pay a penny an Acre for that we do  
mow for the feed of our Cattle

And also for the feed of our Cattle that  
saweth only for the feed of them is to pay  
also a penny an Acre

Also Lactage for our milch Heat is 2 a Cow  
except it be a farrow Cow and  
then but three Half Pence

Also a bullock of her first Calf is 1<sup>d</sup>

And if a man have 10 Calves he must pay one  
for the Tithes if he have 7 he must pay  
one but the Parson must allow him 1<sup>d</sup>  
and if he have but 6 Calves he must pay  
for every Calf a 1<sup>d</sup> penny

And for our Sheep in like manner if a man  
have 10 Lambs he must pay one for the  
Tithes if he have but 7 he must pay one &  
the parson must allow him 1<sup>d</sup> and if a  
man have but 6 Lambs he must  
pay one 1<sup>d</sup> penny for every Lamb

And if a man rear up or keep Hens for mitch line he shall pay no Siller for them

And if a man so Piggs he must pay one for the Siller & if he have but 4 he must pay one the Parson must allow 2<sup>d</sup> prenny & when under 7 he must pay for every Pig a 6<sup>th</sup> prenny

And if a man have so young Geese he must pay one for the Siller & if he have but 4 he must pay one and the parson must allow him 2 and if he have under 4 then he must pay for every young Goose one forthing

Also for saush pay for every Hen 2 Eggs & two for the Cock and two for the Drake  
The Siller in the mickle meadow have been

Accustomed to be paid by the Rood as well on the South Part as the north part except Cartwin Piness there in which have been accustomed paid for every acre 4d  
Also they have paid for and in consideration of the wood for every half a Penny

Also our Cussume is for our Sines & Dicks becomen partly and partly and by the Highway side throughout the tow to make them 3 foot wide from the Sitt or Spring and further are allowed half a foot the Pole or Gale

The Customs of Walham  
Lee Willows —

Staid by J<sup>r</sup> Nicholas  
Bacon Lord Keeper  
of the great Seal —

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