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Contents Listing by David Plunkett, 2010.

Britain. England. box #7

Counties of Essex to London & Kent

Listed by marked open folder contents: Copy inserted into each completed box.

Essex: (buff folder)

Pencil listing of 13 sites.

Package of letters, notes and attachments from Essex Record Office and Barking Borough Libraries, in 1973,1976-77.

A good source of factual references often with RO numbers and early maps.

A package of letters and extracts from Paul Tritton, over a number of years, (*a good tidemill researcher*).

Some poor handwriting supported by typed text and 'Tides Right Out', for Essex Mills Group.

PT archive is deposited with the Essex Record Office.

Package of various extracts from publications but largely Hervey Benhams, 'Some Essex Water Mills'.

Two copies of 'Some Essex Water Mills', Chapter 17, pp 103 – 110, 1976.

'The Five Tide Mills of Essex' by Douglas Went, in the Essex Countryside, Vol. 81, August 1960.

'Essex Tide Mills', by Robert Sier, in the Essex Mills Group Newsletter of No. 21, July 1994.

Single package marked Barrow Hill: Extract believed from Wailes – p3.

Small package marked Battlebridge, with notes and extracts.

Small package marked, Brightlingsea. See Extract from 'A History of Brightlingsea', by E.P. Dickin, 1939.

Small package marked Corringham – named as Island Mill in 1774,

Package marked Fingringhoe – good extracts amounting to four pages.

Single package marked Goldhanger: 'Goldhanger, An Esuary Village' by Benham, (1977) pp.22-23.

Small package marked Great Wakering. 3 page extract with reference to 'the Lords Mill', of 1598.

Package marked Hadleigh. Has two extracts, the major being of page 662 from the History of the Kings Works.

This mill built as part of the Castle construction, later rebuilt in 1350.

Single package marked Hornchurch. Extract of May 1662 and part Chapman & Andre Atlans of 1777.

Probably on edge of Hornchurch March

Single package marked Kirby-le-Soken. Record of two Deeds: 1665 and 1687; Grist Mills and Fulling Mills in manor of Birchall

Package marked Milton (Southend-on-Sea). Largely extracts relating to Milton Hall and The Compotus.of 1299 by John E. Nichols'. *Definitely an early tidemill up to 1327.*

Single package marked Mucking. Possible site with OS grid ref.

Package marked Purfleet. Three extracts with notes from- Wailes, also R.O. extract with c.1550 field map, and mention of tidemills until about 1760.

Single package marked Ramsey. Large scale extract map from Chapman & Andre's Atlas , 1777.

Package marked St Osyth. Various extracts, photographs, letters and notes.

Report of a Petition by Bishop of London (1382 – 98) 'of great damage by the sea, to the Mill of St Osyths, that would not be repaired under a hundred pounds'. Lots of small loose extracts.

Package marked Stambridge. Rochford Mill - Princibly copy of plans dated 1811 with various extracts.

Series of newspaper and journal extracts of c.1953-60. Good history, damaged by fire in 1966.

Package marked Thorrington . Now restored and owned by Essex County Council. Various extracts and notes., including Wailes'

Single package marked Tollesbury. Extract from 'the Place-names of Essex (1935. Burstable Hundred, p.305.

No facts given.

Package marked Walton-on-the-Naze. Various small extracts plus letter and photo's from J.K Major of 1977.

London - General - (buff folder)

Single header sheet with pencil listing of 14 London Tidemills,
Small package marked K.Fairclough: with list of 17th century mills on the River Lea – pencil.
London – pre-publication listing draft.- two pages.
Small package marked London: TIMS. Extracts and notes from TIMS Trans, paper – 5 pages.
Extract of page 115 of ‘The Thames and London’. Early history and mills with mention of River Fleet tidal mills.
A small package of notes and drafts with item of omitted item of the tide-wheels of Chelsea Waterworks (1723 +).
Small package of extracts, largely from Wailes – Tide Mills of England and Wales. Also London extract.
Package marked as ‘Some Bridge House Properties’ by P.E. Jones, in Journal of British Archaeology, Vol.XVI (1953) pages 59 – 73. Largely River Lea extracts.
Package of WM various notes only, with TIMS paper p.349 with Thames Tidemill listing. as header.
Letter from Michael (Lewis, Hull University) to WM with letter (copy) to Martin (Watts) appended, both dated 1996.
Extracts from two publications: ‘Watermills of the London Countryside’, pages 115 – 116.
‘The Lost Rivers of London’, pages 86 – 91 with extra copy of 88 – 91.
This is full of historical data – most useful.
Package of various letters, notes and extracts headed by GLIAS 3 page letter of 1996 from Malcomb Tucker.
Lots of research notes and drafts in this package. .
Package of three book or journal extracts as follows: -
From ‘A Medieval Capital and its Grain Supply’: Agrarian production and distribution in the London Region, c.1300. Chapter VI, Links between producers and Consumers – Modes of transfer , and The London Cornmongers – pages 78 -81. Belfast 1993.
From ‘Watermills of the London Countryside.’ Pages 116-117 & 158.
From VCH. Essex VI. Becontree Hundred – West Ham, pages 57, 59, 60, 90 – 93.
This is largely River Lea related
Package marked as, More Notes and Drafts.
Package marked Maps & Extracts – A great mix of ancient, old and modern, some printed extracts of some importance.
Package marked SMR 1995 Listing. Two computer generated print-outs of multiple pages
Package marked Nautical Almanac. Extracts from Reed’s , for tides and tidal differences – 10 pages.
Small package of of Bibliography extract listings. From Bibliography of London History – 2 pages.
From a Bibliography (un-named) pages 94-95.
From – Bibliography in ‘Wstermills of the London Countryside’ – pages 96-97.
Large package marked London Correspondence. London based letters and correspondence of great variation.

London, Draft. – grey folder

Package marked ‘London’s Tidemills’ a draft prepared from notes (included) after WM death by CK, in 1996. of 10 pages – no figures, maps or drawings included.
Largely correct at 1996 but historical data and archaeology have advanced the knowledge since.
Package marked London Notes. Copious pages of notes, early drafting and some extracts, (Crashe Mills, Wapping).

London, Individual Mills, A – C. – Orange folder.

Barking package: -

Notes, extracts and booklet (The Barking Record, Oct.1971). Site dating from 1243 or before.

Battersea package: -

Causeway Mill, Wandsworth and Nine Elms Mill, Battersea, notes and extracts.

Baynard’s Castle, single page. -.Royal grant of a site for a mill on the water of the Fleet, near Barnard Castle in 1159.

Bermondsey package:

Various notes, extracts (including a Court case transcription) centred on Mill Street, (St Saviours Dock) 19th C. paper mill on east side. See also VCH. The Builder, 10th May 1884.
Lead Rolling Mill.
Large corn mill on boundary between Bermondsey & Rotherhithe.

Bromley-by-Bow, Three Mills, large package: Both tidemills referred together.

Three B&W photographs of House Mill and Clock Mill, 1981.
'The Tree Mills' Bromley-by-Bow. Tide Mills, part three by E.M.Gardener, 1957.
GL, SMR – computer printout
Various GLIAS and Newcomen Soc. extracts.
Denis Smith – letter, press cuttings and A3 drawing of Clock Mill.
Various published extracts and notes.
Package marked – Publications, Various publications by RLMT largely by Brian Strong.
Jespersen package. Site survey papers taken in 1954 of Three Mills and Woodbridge.
Three Mills Conservation Area, publication with mixed historical data, extracts and letters.
Package marked 4 Mills and Bow Locks. Various extracts and copies with Keith Fairclough letter.

Chelsea small package. Chelsea Water Works, pumping by tidal powered large waterwheels initially. Two Extracts.
Company dated from 1723 but site may be earlier.

London, Individual Mills, D +. Buff folder.

Deptford package. Kings Mill, Deptford Creek - Site at north end of Royal Victualling Yard prior to 1740's
Flood washed away mill in 1824. Site reused as flour mill after. See 1862 map.
Earliest Court record of site dated 1293. Good history extracts plans and plates.

East Greenwich package. Various historical extracts and notes of this double acting tidemill.

'Greenwich Tidemill' from Trans. Greenwich and Lewisham Antiq. Society, 1972
'A Site at East Greenwich', by Mary Mills, pages 1-10.
Various historical extracts and notes – two waterwheels, 8 pair of stones, 4 flour machines, 4 bolting mills, 2 smut machines etc.
Various extracts of general tidal interest also included - with 'Tidal Energy'. Chapter 2, from Tide Mills to Tidal Power Plants

Temple Mills package - from 1278 as two mills under one roof, on the later Channelsea River above Stratford Causeway.

Temple Mills as an Industrial Site in the 17th Century, by K.R. Fairclough, in Essex Archaeology and History, Vol.22 (1991) pp.115 – 121.
Extract from 'Watermills of the London Countryside', vol. 2 (1989) p.76. Mill had various industrial uses.
See also Stratford, Landemilles, listed below.

London Bridge large package. Lots of historical good data and correspondence with Ken Major and others.

Extract from 'London Bridge', by G.B. Besant, pp.112 – 114.
The Engineer, 126. (October 1918, pp. 333-4.
Extract, 'Water Supply of Greater London' by B.W. Dickinson (Newcomen Society, 1954). - pp. 14 – 33, 47 -59, 64 – 65, 79 – 81, 86 – 91.
Engineers – Peter Morice (1581), George Sorocold (1702) & John Smeaton (1769).
Extract from – 'Hydraulia' London 1835, pp. 27 – 43.
Extract from 'A Chapter on the History of the Water Supply of London', by Rhys Jenkins Jan. 1928, 43 – 51.
Almost nothing on the early corn/flour mills of the bridge arches?

Rotherhithe package: Complex historical and industrial area with many mills over wide timescale.

See VCH. Vol.4. Originally in possession of Bermondsey Abbey. From 1587, 'Le Gone-powder Myll'.
Two water mills called Redrith Mills, (1604 – 1621).
Brass and battery works established c. 1598. See 'The English brass and copper industries to 1800 by Henry Hamilton, (1926).

Corn mill worked by the Thames water in 1756, belonging to the King.
1783 – two corn mills, North side of Rotherhithe Wall and South side of Rotherhithe Wall
1808 – King's Mills, site of Head Mill & Tail Mill . In 1817, A fire at the Tail Mill and dwelling house.
Lost to building of the Surrey Docks, c.1845.

Southwark package: Many mills over a long time span.

See 'Medieval Southwark' by Martha Carlin, (1996, pp.55-57. From Paris Gardens in the west to Horselydown in the east in early 12th C. were many water mills.(between 6 and 13 at any time) and less up to mid 15th C.
Pudding Mill, in east of Paris Garden Manor part of parish of Christ Church. See plate 65, of this Manor 1627.
Extract, 'London Life in the Brazen Age' by Francis Langley (1978) pp.82-87, 106-107, 216-219,
Extracts relating to Fastolf's Place, Southwark, largely by Martha Carlin plus MoL Archaeology. Watermills on the east side of it, in early 13th C.
See, Abbots Lane, An assessment of the 1992 Archaeological Excavations by Richard Bluer.
Extract from 'Fleet Valley Project', Interim Report, May 1993. *Wrongly filed this extensive item?*

Stratford, Landemilles – Keith Fairclough letter, dated 15 March 1996.

Small package marked 3 Mills.

Tower small package: Letter from Historic Royal Palaces (Jan 1996) and extracts from 'History of the King's Works', Vol.II, HMSO, 1963.

See also D Plunkett paper on Tidemills at the Tower of London, 1999.

Wandsworth small package: The River Wandle was an industrial area for much of it's lower route.

Lower or Causeway Mill, extract (1993). First recorded in 1610 and demolished in 1892.
Extract from 'Old Surrey Water-mills', by Jack R.Hillier, 1951. Also 1835 Tithe Map showing mill.
Extract copy of Nine Elms Mill, from Samuel Leigh's Panorama of 1828.

Wapping small package:

Extract from 'The Lost Rivers of London by Nicholas J. Barton, page 84 & 85.
Crashe Mills has an early recorded date of pre- 1233. Probably fulling mills from 14th C.
Site is east of St Katharine's.Hospital and replaced by the first Hermitage Dock

West Ham small package: Abbey Mills.

Extract from VCH, Essex Vol.VI, Stratford c.1930 map (page 58).

Westminster package: Abbots or Abbey Mill.

Letter with extracts from Librarian at Westminster Abbey, (1995).
'Discoveries at Westminster', by E.F. Warren, from Architectural Review, vol.XVI No.95. Pages 1-5 with notes. Mill first recorded c.1222-46 to stop in 1376 for rebuilding, then using Wandsworth Mill for at least six years.

In 1546, the water mill was grinding both wheat and malt for the Dean and Prebendaries.

Reference to a malt mill (separate)adjoining the Brewhouse in 1559.

See Norden's map of 1593, marks the mill at the vent of the Mill Ditch into the Thames, on the Mill Bank.

Mill stopped by 1678. Recorded that before 1683 boats were brought under the Mill Bridge and nearly up to the Bowling Abbey Bridge. See the Minutes of Westminster Court of Sewers, beginning in 1659.

Between 1677 & 1680 a new covered in sewer was made under the direction of Sir Christopher Wren.

By 1687 the tidal ditch finally filled in and Great College Street widened to present frontage.

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