

These are an Abstract or Copy of the most ancient Customs
which are to be found belonging to the Parish of Walsingham
& Willows in y^e County of Suffolk.

First, the Office of High Ward & the Receiver, of their Deputy
or Deputies is to gather up the Lord's rent & bring it to the
Lord's Audit & for so doing they are allowed yearly their
Rent of their customary Tenements & their customary Lands
that belongeth of y^e first Grant & to be allowed for every Bran^h
sold out of y^e same & also to have their Dinner at y^e Court
at y^e Lord's cost.

Also, it is our custom for the Jury to have their Dinner at the
Lord's cost for every man a penny paying; Also it is our
custom at every Return of y^e Lord the Tenants to be returned
to one penny to be paid by y^e Landholders or Holders out
of one Close called Skeets; Also, it is our custom & hath
been time out of mind for every Tenant to fell Timber of
their Copyhold or customary Lands for y^e making & repairing
of their Tenements & buildings & all other manner of
necessaries as well upon their Copy & customary Lands as
upon their Freeholds & to fell & sell Timber of their copy-
hold & customary Lands one Tenant to another for building
& repairing their Tenements & all other necessaries as well
on their free Lands as on their Copyhold Lands.

Also it is our custom & hath been time out of mind for every
Tenant to shred fell crop & stow all manner of Fuel for
our own use upon our copyhold & customary Lands & also to

sell them at our Pleasure. Also, it is our Custom & hath been
so time out of mind for every Tenant to shred fell crop &
stow & to plant in y^e Way & Common, every man against his
own ground for & to his own Commodity & Profit.

Also, for y^e Common in Halloward-green all our Lord's Tenants
do say that our Lord of this manor is Lord of y^e Soil so
for as our Lands do go & that y^e Tenants of y^e s^d. manour
by old & ancient Custom time out of mind have had there
in & upon y^e whole Common of Halloward-green feeding by
y^e Months of their Cattle as Intercommons with other Towns.

Also, our Custom is for y^e measuring of Lands & Pastures, the
Laying of y^e pole is sixteen feet & an half; Also, for y^e great
Meadow commonly called or known by name of Mickle meadow
the custom thereof is fourteen feet & half to y^e pole. —

Also, the wood measure is eighteen feet to y^e pole. —
our Custom of this manour that if any Tenant dies seized
of his Copy-hold Lands & Tenements the same then to be
equally divided & parted amongst all his Sons according to y^e
Law of gavel kind.

Also, it is our Custom that if one Tenant or more do surrender
his Lands & Tenements into the hands of one Tenant in y^e
presence of another Copy-hold Tenant that surrender to
remain & continue good for one year & a day, altho' there
be diverse Courts holden & kept within y^e year & if there
be no Court kept within y^e year then y^e same surrender to
stand good & be sufficient until y^e next Court be holden.

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These be the Customs which have been time out of mind
of Man for y^e Manour of Churchhouse as follow.

If any Tenant of this Manour dies seized of Copyhold Lands
or Tenements that y^e Custom of this Manour is that his
eldest Son is his Heir to his Copyhold Lands & Tenements
holden of this Manour, If he has Daughters & no Sons this
same is to be equally divided between them.

Also, our Custom is that if one Tenant do surrender his Lands &
Tenements into y^e hands of one Copyhold Tenant in y^e presence of
one other Copyhold Tenant that Surrender to remain & continue
good for one year & a day, altho' there be diverse Courts holden
& kept within y^e year, & if there be no Courts kept within the
year y^e same Surrender to stand good & sufficient unill y^e next
Court be holden.

Also, it is our Custom & hath been time out of mind for every
Tenant to fell & sell Timber in their Copyhold Lands for y^e
making & repairing their Tenements, a Building & all other manner
of Necessaries as upon their Copyhold Lands as also upon their
Freehold Lands, One Tenant to sell to another for that use &
purpose.

Also, Our Custom is that the Jury always which do serve at y^e Court
holden for y^e Manour shall have their Dinner freely at y^e Lord's
cost & charge. For all other Customs are y^e same with those
belonging to y^e Chief Manour.

Walsham.

These be y^e Customs which have been
time out of mind of Man of y^e Chief Manour of Walsham.
And also for y^e Manour of y^e Church House & for y^e Customs concern
our Herbage & Fishes, sett down by all y^e Tenants & chief Inhabitants.

of Waltham at a Court of Survey there holden upon y^e fourth
 day of March in y^e 19th & 20th years of y^e most gracious
 Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabethth Reign, For the right Honour-
 able Sr Nicholas Bacon then being Lord Keeper of the
 great Seal of England.

Ann: Dom: 1577. 1578.

The Names of the Jury.

Francis Rockwood
 Tho: Smith Gent.
 Ric: Ramplie
 Tho: Klatman
 Jno Page.
 Reynold Ramplie
 Jno Margery Sen.
 Will: Haws.
 Stephen Haws.
 Rich: Kaynbird.
 Nicholas Martin
 Tho: Greer.
 Jno Haws Weststreet.
 Andrew Haws.
 Robt Haws.
 Rich: Carter
 Tho: Bridges
 Lawrence Raynold
 Robt. Burnham junr.
 Austin Vincent.
 Will: Smith
 Tho: Page

Andrew Curki
 Jno Vincent
 Jno James.
 Jno Robwood Sen.
 Jno Raynold
 Jno Robwood junr.
 Jno Ramplie.
 Jno Carter
 Tho: Howell
 Jno Rione
 Jno Haws
 Robt Jordan
 Robt Gled junr.
 Jno Grocer.
 Will: Haws.
 Jno Ashbrooke
 Stephen Vincent
 Jno Piler.
 Robt Ludman
 Will: Wyker
 Will: Atwell.
 Will: Rice
 Tho: Baker.

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Walsham.

The Customs of y^e Towne as concerning our Herbage & Tythes
which have been time ~~without~~ ^{without} mind of any Man. Viz.

First, Our Custom of our Pasture ground is to pay a Penny
p^r acre that we do mow for the feed of our Cattle.

And also for y^e feed of our agist ware that serveth only for y^e
feed of them is also to pay a penny p^r acre.

Also Lacthage for our milch-keat is two pence a Cow,
except it be a farrow cow & then but three half pence.

also, a Bullock of y^e first calf is a penny half penny.

If a man have ten Calves he must pay one for Tythe, & if he
has but seven he must pay ~~one~~ for Tythe & the Parson must
allow him three half pence, and if we have but six Calves he
must pay for every Calf an half penny.

Also for our Sheep in like mannon, if a man has ten Lambs
he must pay one for Tythe & also if he has but seven lambs
he must pay one for Tythe & the Parson must allow him three
half pence & if but six lambs to pay one half penny for
every Lamb.

And if a man rear up or keep Heifers for Milch-Kine he
shall pay nothing for them.

And if a man had ten Pigs he must pay one for Tythe, & if he
has but seven he must pay one for Tythe & the Parson must
allow him three half pence & if he has under seven ^{kept} he must pay
for every young ~~young~~ ^{one} ~~nothing~~ ^{half penny}. (omitted. Turn over) &

also we must pay for every Hen two eggs. & our Duck y^e like.

for the Cock two & the Drake two.

Also for every Orchard two pence. —

The Tythe in y^e Mickle-Meadow has been accustomed to pay by the Rod as well on y^e south Part as y^e north part, except certain pieces therein which have been accustomed to pay for every acre four pence.

Also we have paid for & in consideration of Tythe Wood for every Heath one penny.

†. If a Man has ten young geese he must pay one for Tythe & if he has but seven he must pay one for Tythe & the Person must allow him three farthings & if he has under seven he must pay for every young goose one Farthing.