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MANOR OF WALTHAMSTOW TONEY AND HIGH HALL

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This was the earliest manor for Walthamstow, and is not two combined manors as the name suggests (Toney being from earlier lords of the manor, the Toni family, and the High Hall, being named after the manor house to distinguish the manor from the manor of Walthamstow Frances, (als Walthamstow Bedyke, als Low Hall Manor), which was carved out of the original Walthamstow Manor.

The only register to survive from the period before 1677 is that for 1508-43, transferred from Staffordshire County Record Office. A fire at Easton Manor, the home of the Maynard family, then lords of the manor, in 1918 destroyed certain of the muniments. The location of the courts is not given in the registers, but the court met in later days at the Ferry Boat Inn, adjoining the River Lea, and it was there that the Forbes map of the manor, dated 1699, was found in 1914, rolled up in a drainpipe.

Only the first volume contains separate views of franpledge. By May 1732, these have been combined with court barons and in June 1734, the standard later derivation is adopted 'Court leet with view of frankpledge with court baron'. This court was held annually from 1732, and appointed the jury, took the homage, and appointed the officers for the year - the constables, aleconnors, and by 1771, the marsh hayward. The last appointment of constables and aleconnors took place in 1872, thereafter only a marsh hayward appointed - it is an indication of the ceremonial required that a constable was appointed for 10 years after the formation of the Metropolitan Police. For this later period the constable appears to be the same person who served as parish beadle.

The last court met on 20 June 1895, thereafter all business was transacted out of court. Besides the annual courts, special courts met as required, sometimes on the day after the combined annual court, as the main business of registering changes of land took up considerable space - in 1734 twelve pages of business are recorded followed by a further two pages for the special court baron on the following day.

All the registers are indexed separately (except A1). The registers constitute a complete transcript of all deeds placed before the court, including copy plans, the first occurring in 1823, and becoming commonplace after 1844. Most plans are coloured, all are carefully delineated. Signed appointments of attorney have been included in 1771, but these seem to be the only examples.

While most of the business recorded is that of the court baron, and volumes after 1843 record more and more business transacted out of court, presentments still occasionally continue, and the last court in 1895 records that the manor pound at Blackhorse Road has fallen into disrepair, and appoints a new one at Green Pond Farm, and also notes that the (Walthamstow Urban) District Council wishes to construct a road across the lamas land.

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<u>ACCOUNTS.</u>	2 volumes	1790 - 1850
1. Accounts	Both volumes have ledger sections at the back, and record receipts and payments that may constitute estate costs as well as manorial receipts and payments.	1790 - 1839
2. Accounts		1840 - 1850

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Report of the perabulation of the Leet Jury on 25th May 1812. Copy.
1 vol.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

V 35.21 / 15	Enfranchisements of copyhold property in the manor of Walthamstow Toney and High Hall. Includes application forms and enfranchisements with details of property and owners.	May 1870 - Jun 1880
	1 bdl.	
/ 17	Miscellaneous notes by Arthur Valford, steward of the manor for 50 years. Dates 9 July 1941. These notes are extractions and cross references to practices cited in the manor registers.	1941

MAPS OF THE MANOR

1.	Survey of the Manor of High Hall in the parish of Walthamstow in the county of Essex belonging to the Hon. Sir William Maynard, Bart. Surveyor: A. Forbes. Dated July 1699. Scale: 4 chains to 1". Gives field names, owners/occupiers and location of main buildings. With drawing in corner that may be first manor house. Original on display. Photographic copies available for consultation.	1699
	1 framed map.	
2.	Survey of the Manors belonging to Rt. Hon Lord Viscount Maynard, called Walthamstow Toney and High Hall by John Doyley. Scale 8.8" to 1 mile. Shows numbered fields and owners, with roads and buildings.	1820
	Phot. copy.	

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Maps of the manor (cont'd)

- (3) Map of Higham Hill Field. 1 map c 1820
 Scale: 1.7 chains to 1".
 Shows the common field, strip divisions, owners and acreages. Roads and Higham L. d. are also shown. Number system used corresponds with that used on Toney map by Doyley of 1820, which suggests that this map may have been part of a rough draft for that map.

Additional register (1)

- W 35.21 A 1 Court register 1 vol 1509 - 1535 and 1543.
 Includes views of frankpledge and tithing of children aged 12. At back of page is a court held at Low Hall in 1543 and two courts held at Walthamstow (location unspecified) with list of fines paid.
 For full details of contents of this volume see section following this list.

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1509 - 1535
and 1543

1 vol.

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Acc.

1. Separate court leets and court barons, including the view of frankpledge. Includes instructions to the Surveyors of the Highways, (elected by the vestry of the parish by 1710 when the vestry minutes commence).

Feb. 1677 - Jun. 1731

1 vol.

2. Court register

1 vol.

May 1732 - May 1765

3. Court register

1 vol.

May 1765 - Feb. 1801

4. Court register . two plans in proceedings after court of 1823.

May 1801 - Jul. 1823

1 vol.

5. Court register

1 vol.

Sep. 1823 - Dec. 1843

6. Court register

(1 vol. includes plans)

Jan. 1844 - Oct. 1851

7. Court register

(1 vol. includes plans)

Oct. 1851 - Oct. 1856

8. Court register

(1 vol. includes plans)

Oct. 1856 - Oct. 1862

9. Court register

(1 vol. includes plans)

Oct. 1862 - Dec. 1873

10. Court register

(1 vol. includes plans)

Oct. 1873 - May 1886

11. Court register

(1 vol.)

Sep. 1886 - Nov. 1930

12. Court register index

(1 vol.)

1669 - 1930

This earlier date refers to a retrospective entry in Volume
The index is arranged alphabetically, but each letter is subdivided
in the order of the volumes. (i.e. the entries for Volume 1 precede
those of Volume 2, etc).