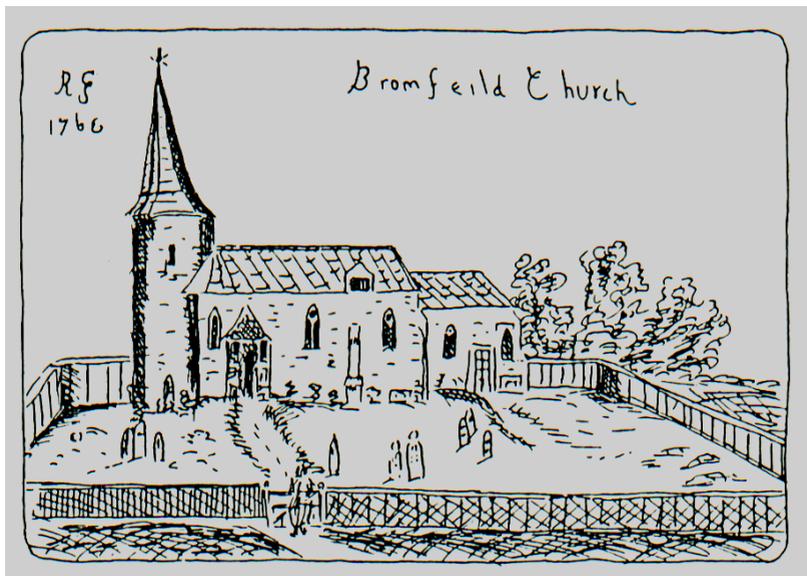


BROOMFIELD



THE CHURCHYARD FENCE LISTS.

THE PEOPLE AND THE BUILDINGS.

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Introduction.

This is the second of three volumes telling something of the history of the Broomfield buildings recorded on a list drawn up in 1569 and ratified by the Archdeacon of Essex in the following year. Photographs of this churchyard fence list appear in volume one and the order of presentation of the properties, whilst it may seem random, is as set out in that list.

Of the twelve properties examined in this volume six are still there. Four have gone and a fifth has been replaced by an enormous hospital. Finally, one property which never hosted a building, the Church Lands, is now built over.

Inevitably, once a chapter is completed more information will turn up, often from a completely unrelated source. Chapter 5 of volume one told the story of Brooklands and how the land was once known as Entwistles. Mr Entwistle was a mystery, his name couldn't be found in the parish records. Then, after volume one had been completed, a browse through the records of Poole's Charity, Little Waltham (for reasons quite unconnected with this work) revealed a Mr Barty Entwistle of the Temple, London. Obviously a legal man, he was a trustee of Poole's Charity during the years from 1684 to 1697.

Much later, whilst reading the deeds of Broomfield Place for volume three, I found reference to a Richard Entwistle and his son Robert. It seems that some of the land which was associated with that property was on the north side of School Lane and also on the east side of Main Road. This part of the Broomfield Place estate had once been owned by the Entwistles, father and son, and was bought by Thomas Christy to form his new

Brooklands estate. I have since discovered that the Entwistles came from Foxhole in Lancashire.

John Entwistle was a barrister at the Middle Temple, active around the period 1650 - 1664. His son Richard was born in 1648 and entered Brasenose College, Oxford, where he matriculated in 1668. In 1675 Richard was a barrister at Grays Inn. He was the owner of Broomfield Place (New House) and the land that became the site of Brooklands. He had two sons, Richard and Robert. Richard Jnr, born in 1690, also entered Brasenose College and later became a barrister at the Middle Temple. Robert, born in 1694, also went to Brasenose where he matriculated in 1711. Robert succeeded his father as owner of the Broomfield property; he became a Justice of the Peace, and he died in 1778.

The Barty Entwistle of the Little Waltham charity could well have been Bertin or Berty Entwistle. A barrister, he was of the same Foxhole family and was for some years vice-chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. How that family came to be associated with Broomfield remains to be discovered. I suspect this will not be the last piece of information to turn up after the writing has been completed!