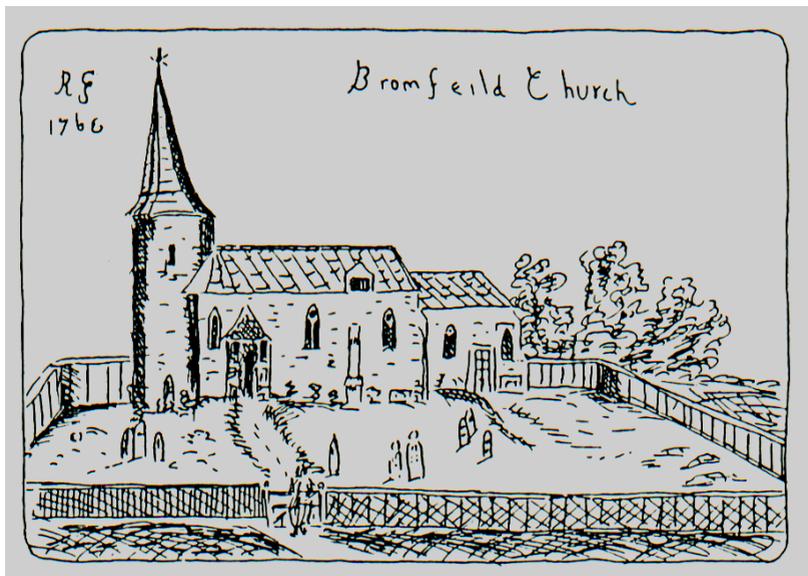


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## Introduction.

This is the last 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 eight are still where they were in 1570, though most have been rebuilt since then. One other, The Vicarage, has been rebuilt on a different site. Patching Hall has gone but its name lives on in the name of the road that once led to it. Only Wheelers and Cockses have left no trace but their whereabouts is known.

At the end of this volume I have taken the liberty of adding a postscript to include a few more of Broomfield's buildings that might have got on to the original fence list if only they had been there at the time. Broomfield Lodge was certainly grand enough to qualify and it did eventually make it on to a fence list when Woollards was removed. Hill Farm is a surprising omission, it looks as though it has been there forever, but it was probably lumped in with Belstead hall of which it was once a part. The Gables and the shop at Angel Green both have a long pedigree but probably not long enough to have made that first list.

There are other old buildings that could have stories to tell. The cottages along Main Road just north of Church Green have a history; one was the first Parish Room. And just beyond them stands High House, an 18th century listed building with a distinctive mansard roof and once the home of the sculptor

Thomas Huxley-Jones. Then there is, or was, Piggott's Row. This was a terrace of three cottages along Main Road, south of Broomfield Place. They were listed but were still pulled down in the 1970s.



**Piggott's Row, shortly before demolition.  
A subject for future researchers?**