

<b>1.0</b>	<b>PARISH</b>	Littleton, now Littleton & Harestock CP (Map 1)
<b>2.0</b>	<b>HUNDRED</b>	Buddlesgate
<b>3.0</b>	<b>NGR</b>	445330 132895
<b>4.0</b>	<b>GEOLOGY</b>	Upper Chalk

## **5.0 SITE CONTEXT (Map 2)**

The parish of Littleton and Harestock is immediately north-west of Winchester City. The north-east boundary is the B3420 Roman road and the southern limit is the B3049. Harestock is a triangular block of Modern development that is contiguous with the Winchester suburb of Weeke. Littleton Road is a north-west branch of the B3049. A substantial part Littleton is made up of the St John Moore Barracks and other Modern development. The church of St Catherine is accompanied by Littleton Manor (house) on the northern fringe of the settlement.

## **6.0 PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION (Maps 3 , 4 and 5)**

### **Church, religious house, & manor house**

**6.1.1 *Church & religious house*** The Littleton Road takes a south-south-east / north-north-west course through the settlement, the centre of which can be identified by an offset crossroads with Littleton Lane (west) and Church Lane (east). Littleton Manor house (C15) sits within the north-west angle of the junction whilst the church of St Catherine is almost directly opposite, on the east side of Littleton Road. The church, with its C12 features is built upon an obvious mound with other medieval buildings adjacent to the east and south. The house to the east of St Catherine's known as *Monks' Rest* (C15) was built to accommodate sick monks from St Swithin's Priory in Winchester (Davies, 1994: 7). Other medieval buildings south and south-west of the church were possibly associated with the ecclesiastical hospital at Littleton.

**6.1.2 *Manor house*** The Littleton Manor (C15) is opposite the church on the west side of Littleton Road (see paragraph 11.0, no. 1).

**6.2 *Site visit conditions:*** strong sun with occasional light cloud (19.6.2002).

## **7.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL (Map 5)**

### **7.1 *AsAP***

**7.1.1** Narrow band of land south of the Manor House grounds occupied by two squatter cottages in the C19 (see paragraph 11.2 and Map 3). Such sites are difficult to date because they have attracted very little archaeological research however, they could represent the two *unchargeable* hearths recorded in the Hearth Tax of 1665.

**7.1.2** Archaeological *buffer zones* north and south of the C12 church and associated medieval buildings.

**7.1.3** Note comments re Harestock in paragraph 15.2.

## 7.2 AsHAP

**7.2.1** The building and grounds of the C15 Littleton Manor. Earthworks have been noted on the manor lawns (east). The medieval *Slades Cottage* and the adjacent *Spindles* on the south side of Littleton Lane are included in this AHAP.

**7.2.2** An area that includes the Church of St Catherine's and all of the medieval buildings (and their grounds) on the east side of Littleton Road, south of Church Lane.

## 8.0 CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

### St Catherine alias St Mary Magdalene, alias St Katherine, mostly 1884-5

- The church is situated upon a mound, possibly an artificial one;
- Littleton is one of the 9 churches included in the Domesday Book entry for Chilcomb;
- VCH 3: 423 suggests that the chancel arch is C12 date and ascribes a C13 date to the off-line chancel, and the north aisle.
- The arches of the north aisle arcade are of C13 style but the piers would be better placed as C12 features. However, the piers do not look to be original and it is possible that they are C19 imitations.
- Extensive rebuilding took place in 1885;
- Timbers from roof dated by dendrochronology (1998) to 1370-1402 and 1390-1422;
- Late C12 Purbeck marble font.

## 9.0 BUILDINGS (Map 4)

PRN	Details	Dates	Grade
1473 **	Slade Cottage, Littleton Road	C16, 18, 20	II
348 **	Littleton Manor, Littleton Road	C15, 17, 18, 19, 20	II*
9662	Monks Rest, Church Lane	C15, 17, 18, 19	II
9663	Church of St Catherine, Church Lane	C12, 13, 14, 16, 19	II*
9664 **	Red House, Littleton Road: stables to rear of	late C15, 18	II
9665 **	The White House, Littleton Road	C16, 19, 1970	II
9666 **	Littleton Lodge, Littleton Road	early C19	II
9667	Littleton Lodge: wall and gate in front of	early C19	II
<b>NB</b>	Corrections to Listings marked **		

## 10.0 SMR DATA SW 445150 I32605, NE 445565 I33070 (Map 4)

SU43SE	No.		
	13	445380 I32870	Medieval. C15 timber-framed building of two bays now used as stables.
	14	445350 I32900	Medieval parish church of St Catherine (see paragraph 8.0).
	15	445280 I32900	Medieval. Littleton Manor C15 timber-framed hall house with C17 bay.

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16	445365 132910	Medieval. Monks Rest. C15 timber-framed building of two bays.
63	445400 132700	Roman coin (a dupondius of Titus) found in the garden of Barclays Bank. Retained by finder.
150	445320 132850	Medieval. The White House, C16 timber-framed building of three bays.
151	445300 132830	Medieval. Slade Cottage. C16 timber-framed cottage with two original bays.
205	445300 132800	Medieval. First documentary record of Littleton 1171.

## 10.1 Hampshire Romano-British Settlements survey

<i>Hants No.</i>	<i>NGR</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>NAR / NMR Nos</i>
		None known but the north-east boundary of the parish is a Roman road.	

## 10.2 Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs)

<i>SAM No.</i>	<i>NGR</i>	<i>Site</i>
150	444800 134300	Round barrow 1600m (1 mile) north-north-west of Littleton (on the parish boundary IH 10.2001).
26702	445870 131970	Three round barrows 500m west-north-west of Flowerdown House (known as the Flowerdown Barrows
		IH 10.2001).

## 11.0 ADDITIONAL SITES / FEATURES (Map 4)

1	445300 132920	Earthworks visible on lawns of Littleton Manor.
2	445240 132850	Approximate position in Littleton Lane (not to be confused with Littleton Road) of two squatter homes on a narrow belt of land between the road and the boundary wall of Littleton Manor. Both cottages have been lost since the OS 10,560 map of 1879.

## 12.0 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- Tithe Map 21M65/F7/145/2 (1838 / 1839)
- GSGB 299 Winchester
- OS 1: 2500 SW 445150 132605, NE 445565 133070
- OS 1: 25000 Explorer 132: Winchester, New Alresford & East Meon
- OS 1: 10,560 445520 132818 (1879)

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- VCH 3: 422-3

## 14.0 PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

### 14.1 Domesday Book

23, 45 Azor held (*Littleton*) from King Edward in freehold. Then it paid tax for 5 hides; now for 5 virgates. Land for 4 ploughs. In lordship 2 ploughs; 5 villagers and 6 smallholders with 3 ploughs. Useless woodland. Value before 1066, 100s; later and now £4.

### 14.2 Subsidy Rolls

1334		£ 2.3.2	
1524	<i>1st survey:</i>	£5.12.2	(13 taxpayers)
	<i>2nd survey:</i>	£5.14.2	(11 taxpayers)

**NB** The 1334 return includes Weeke and Fullood but both of these places are listed separately in 1524.

### 14.3 Manorial Documents

Littleton only.

### 14.4 Hearth Tax 1665

18 hearths chargeable (7 houses)  
2 hearths not chargeable (2 houses). Total: 9 houses.

## 15.0 PLACE NAME

**15.1** 1171 *Littletone*; 1205 *Littleton*. OE / ME 'little farm' probably by contrast with nearby Worthy and Barton estates in royal and episcopal ownership. A Domesday manor of the same name is recalled by *Littleton Copse* in Kimpton (Coates, 1989: 110).

**15.2** *Harestock*; paralleled by 854 (C12) (*to*) *heafod stoccan* (in the bounds of Headbourne Worthy); 909 (C11) (*to*) *heafod stoccum* (in the bounds of Chilcomb); 961 (C12) (*of* *pam*) *heafod stoccum* (in the bounds of Easton). These are all boundary marks in adjacent parishes; clearly something very conspicuous is denoted, probably OE *heafodstoccas*, once said to mean 'posts on which criminals' heads were exposed' Coates, 1989: 86-7). Possibly a point on a boundary marked by a gallows or similar.

In any case, the position of the Littleton example can be identified with reasonable confidence. At the southern tip of the Littleton parish is a meeting of six tracks and roads known as Harestock Corner (OS 1: 50,000 map 446100 131200). In the C19 it was alternatively known as Weeke Mark (VCH 3: 422) with *mearc* being OE 'boundary'. This is a shared boundary point between the parishes of Littleton, Sparsholt and Weeke on the Stockbridge Road (IH / 2002). There is a boundary stone *in situ* at this point.

## 16.0 PHOTOGRAPHS

- South wall of the nave showing conjectural eastward extension;
- Church from the north-west.

## 17.0 OTHER PROJECT ELEMENTS

### 17.1 Pre-Conquest Charters

None listed by Sawyer, 1968.

### 17.2 Other parish settlements include:

<i>Name</i>	<i>MSP No.</i>	<i>NGR / map ref.</i>	<i>First recorded</i>
None recorded but note comments under 15.2.			

### 17.3 Enclosures

#### *Parliamentary:*

<i>NEP No.</i>	<i>Act</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
14084	6-7 Vic. cap. 1, 1843		1844	1,269.22 acres (actual); 244 acres (Act). Flower Down, Little Down. A large area of old enclosures was involved, hence discrepancy in figures (see 14533).

#### *Formal Agreements:*

<i>NEP No.</i>	<i>Agreement</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Details</i>
14533	1821	1828	Open fields, downs, wastes.

## **17.4 Commons & Greens (residual)**

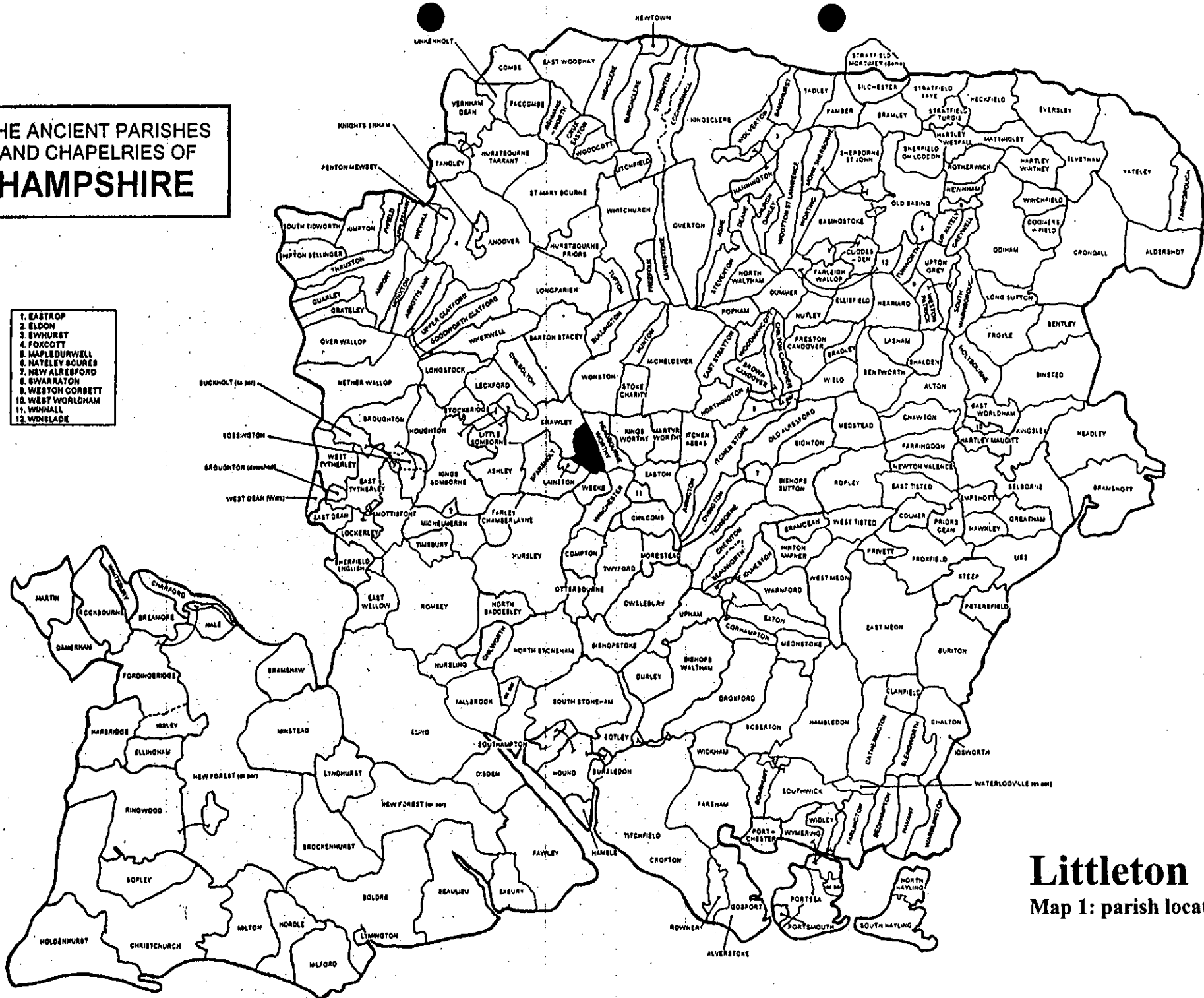
275 acres recorded as open in 1874.

## **18.0 ILLUSTRATIONS**

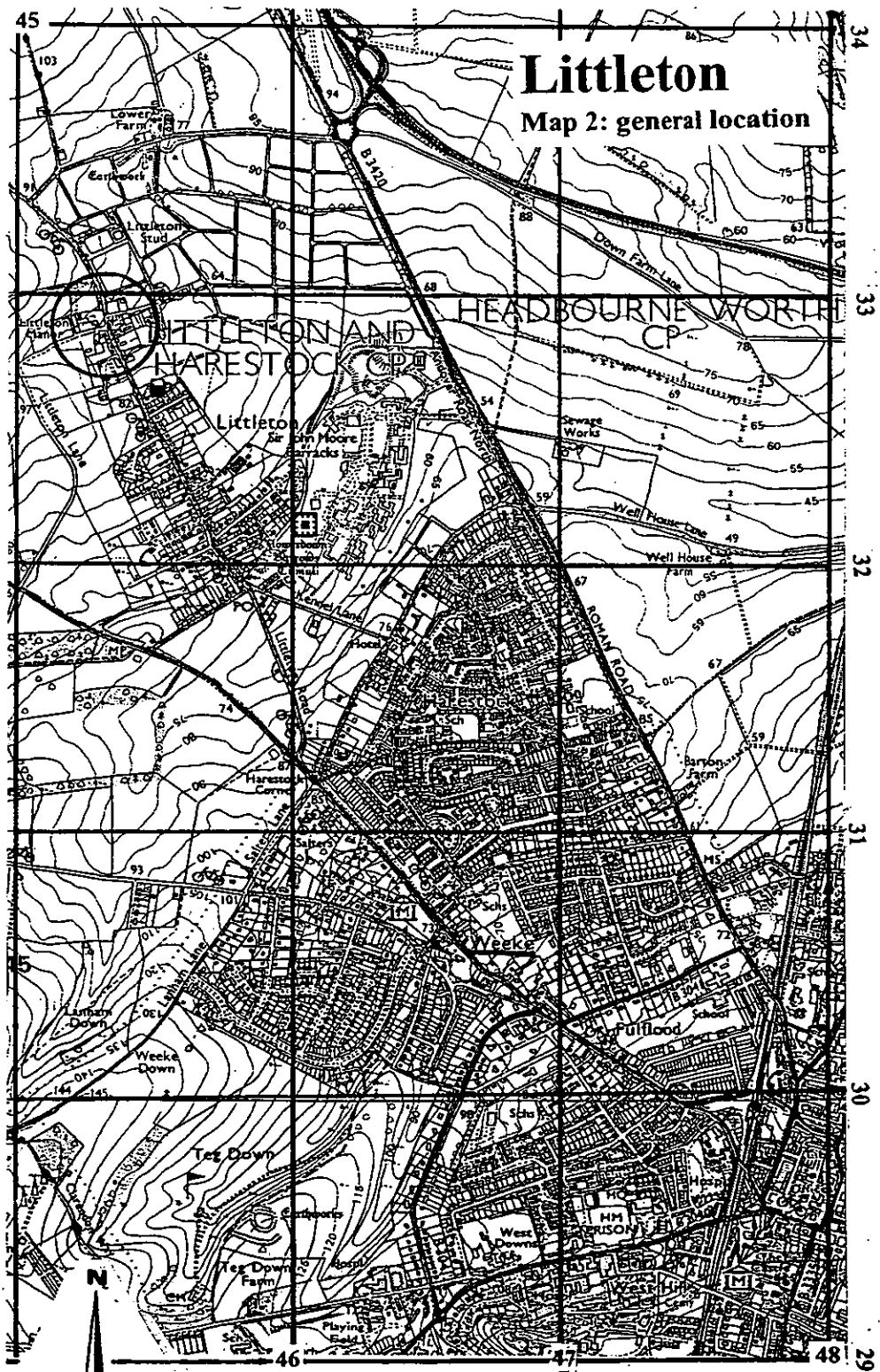
- 1 Map 1: Parish location (not to scale)
- 2 Map 2: General (settlement) location at 1: 25000
- 3 Map 3: Ordnance Survey First Edition County Series (c. 1870s) not to scale
- 4 Map 4: Development & archaeological features at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%
- 5 Map 5: Areas of archaeological potential at 1: 2500 reduced to 71%.

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AND CHAPELRIES OF  
HAMPSHIRE**

- 1. EASTROP
- 2. ELDON
- 3. EWHURST
- 4. FOXCOTT
- 5. MAPLEDURWELL
- 6. NATELEY SCURES
- 7. NEW ALRESFORD
- 8. SWARRATON
- 9. WESTON CORBETT
- 10. WEST WORLDHAM
- 11. WINHALL
- 12. WINBLADE



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Map 1: parish location

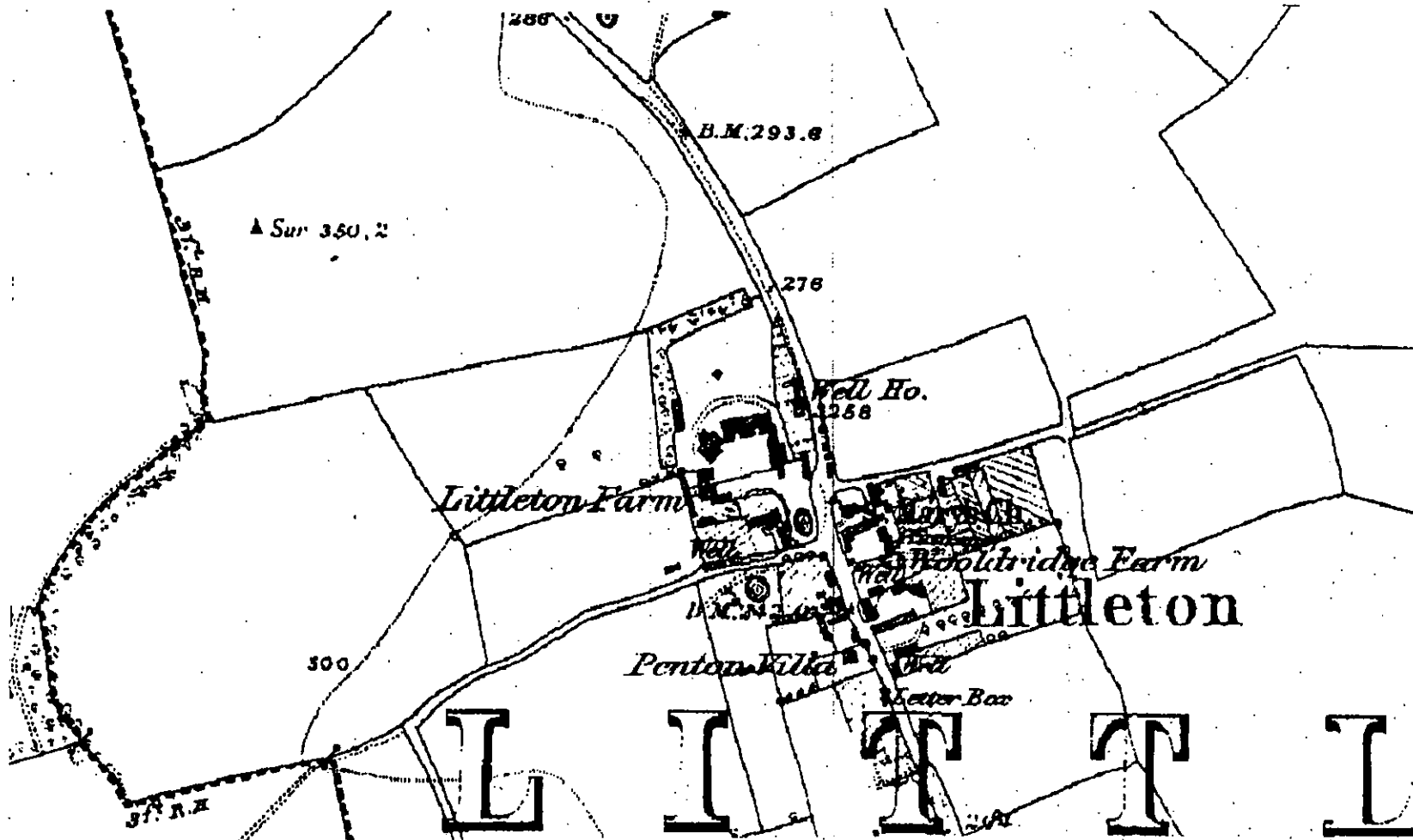


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Map 2: general location

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Map 3: OS 1: 10560



