

NAME Martin  
PARISH Martin  
HUNDRED Damerham  
NGR SU 070195  
GEOLOGY Valley Gravels, Upper Chalk to NE and SW

SITE CONTEXT Martin lies near the head of the valley of the Allen River at between 60 and 70m OD. To the SW the land gradually rises for over 1km but then the increase in height becomes sharper up to Martin Down. To the NE of the settlement there is a gradual rise in height over several kilometres with some undulation in the topography.

East Martin 3-400m E of Martin lies along a road to the N with a gentle rise up out of the valley.

PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION Regular row.

The C19 plan of the village shows a high degree of regulation, especially on the NE side of the main street. The church, sited back from the road on a slight knoll lies near the middle of a block of properties within which several parallel and roughly equal sized plots survived. However, the church does not easily fit into this pattern as it cuts across two plots. At the N end of this unit is the manor house which lies in a plot that is shorter than the main block of regular plots. At the very N end of the village there are more regular plots of a longer length than the manor's plot. The field boundaries along the N side of the road leaving the village have fossilised strips from the open field system with evidence for encroachment along the roadsides.

On the S side of the road at the S end of the village there is one block of properties that have the appearance of being laid out together with long narrow strips behind the building plots along the road. Adjoining this block and along the S side of the road leading to the W there are smaller plots, some of them vacant, with less regularity. A more irregular block of plots follows with only one of the plots occupied. However, there are slight earthworks along most of this part of the village suggesting that these empty plots may have been occupied. To the N of the junction with the road to the W there is a unit of properties which do not exhibit much in the way of evidence for regular division except possibly at the N end. This block does have a common rear boundary along which a path or former back lane runs. Earthworks behind some of these properties may indicate that there was more of a planned nature to this unit that is shown in the C19 map.

East Martin is shown as an irregular row along a road that leads out of the valley to the N. The C19 map shows several farms along this road with some squatter's plots at the N end. Earthworks along the W side of the road suggest that there was probably almost continual occupation along this side and there may be similar sites on the E side of the road.

AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL The AHAP covers the main building lines along both sides so the main street and an area surrounding the church. The whole of the block of properties on the S side of the street lie within the AHAP as they are of shorter length than the plots on the N side and there are surviving earthworks behind the existing properties.

The plots along the S side of the road to the W lie within an AAP. Although there are some slight earthworks in this area, further field survey is required to enable better interpretation. If they are shown to be settlement related then they should be regarded as being of higher archaeological potential. Given the position of this unit it is probable that they are later than the core of the village but as there is little to suggest when the village was planned giving it its present form, dating this area of possible settlement is impossible.

There are also two small AAPs taking in the rear parts of the properties on the N side of the street where further evidence for the division of the plots may survive.

East Martin lies wholly within an AHAP. Along the W side of the street there are extensive earthworks suggesting a row of properties. The C19 map shows just one property on this side of the road which has since been demolished. The modern OS map shows the site of this property with scarp slopes along the N and W boundaries but fails to show that this is only one of several such plots both to the N and S. Similar scarps are shown behind some of the properties on the E side of the road and it is possible that there are further earthworks on this side. At the S end of East Martin on the lower lying ground opposite Bustard Manor Fm there are 'humps and bumps' and scarp slopes of an undefined nature.

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD All Saints. Blocked Norman or Transitional door on N side, tower C13 in lower parts.

A chapelry of Damerham until 1844.

A free chapel at Tidpit was recorded in 1255 but there is now no trace of its site.

## BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Barn 15m NW Martin Drove End Allenford Early C18 II

Talk's Farm Cottage East Martin Pair of cottages, one C18, the other early C19 II

Talk's Fmhse Mid C18 II

L-shaped barn N C18 II

West House Martin (E side) Late C18/early C19 II

Anvil Cottage C18 II

Manor house Early C17 remains of larger house II\*

Read's Fmhse Mid C18 II

Barn and stables 10m NE Mid C18 II

Garretts Mid C18 II

Williams Fmhse Late C18 early C19 II  
 The Priest's House C18 II  
 Sweet-apple Cottage C18 II  
 Martin Cross Cottage C18 C19 II  
 Lavender Cottage Early C18 II  
 Hart House Early C18 C19 II  
 Church of All Saints I  
 Packbridge Cottage C18 C19 II  
 High Bank Late C17 C18 II  
 Downlands Cottage Early c19 II  
 Dennetts Fmhse Stableblock, now farmhouse Early C18 II  
 Lime Trees (W side) Early C18 II  
 Pilgrim's Cottage C17 II  
 Damer's Cottage Mid C18 II  
 Rose Cottage Late C18 II  
 Village pump C19 II  
 Sweetapples (The Duffys) C16 rebuilt C18 II  
 Barn and stables at Kings Farm Early C19 II  
 Simmy's C16 remodelled C18 and C19 II  
 Yew Tree Cottage C17 core remodelled C18 and C19 II  
 Harris's Fmhse C17 C19 II  
 College House C17 C18 II  
 Tidpit Cottage C18 II  
 Hancocks Fmhse Mid C18 II  
 Folliot's Fmhse Late C18 II  
 Allendale Cottage C18 II  
 Toyd Fmhse Toyd Down Early C18 II  
 Coach house E of Toyd House Mid C19 II  
 Small barn S of coach house Late C18 or early C19 II  
 Large barn and cartshed S of Toyd Fmhse Mid C18 II  
 Stabling S of Toyd Fmhse II  
 The Old Fmhse C17 core C18 refenestrated C20 Timber frame core II

(Un-listed)

#### SMR DATA

SU01NE

28	06741977	Site of med manor house and post-med manor house
29	06871950	Med cross base Prob C15
51	07281982	BA ring ditch
59	07631965	Boundary bank Date unknown
76	06701980	Med pit

#### ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

1	06701984	Earthworks. Slight earthworks in the paddock to the NW of the Manor House
2	06741963	Earthworks. Several boundary earthworks and undefined 'humps and bumps' in the area behind the properties on the

- street frontage. The earthworks probably represent former plots of a regular row that have been amalgamated
- 3 06621938 Slight earthworks. Undefined earthworks along the S side of Sillen Lane. Witin this area, opposite the small quarry was a cottage shown on the 1st Edition OS map
- 4 07351971 Earthworks. Along the W side of the road to the N through East Martin there are extensive earthworks in the form of areas dug into the hillside creating platforms. That the earthworks are associated with former house sites may be confirmed by the fact that the C19 OS map shows a small complex of structures within one of the sites
- 5 07441959 Earthworks. The modern OS map shows some scarp slopes behind a small block of properties on the E side of the lane. The earthworks are probably of similar function to those on the W side of the lane and form the rear boundary of the property. It is interesting to note that the modern rear boundaries lie within the older plots creating smaller plots
- 6 07401944 Earthworks. Along the SE boundary of the field there is a scarp slope down to wet ground and a ditch along the verge of the road. Within the plot there are undefined 'humps and bumps'
- 7 07431992 Site of cottage shown on 1st edition OS 6". The plot on which the cottage stood is a narrow plot along the road which suggests that it was taken in from the roadside waste
- 8 07701910 Earthworks. Alongside the road from Martin there are several areas that have been quarried out of the slope to create leveller areas, presumably for buildings. The earthworks are similar in form to thise at East Martin
- CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES OS 1st Edition 6" map 1887; OS 1:2,500 SU 0619-0719

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

### PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

**Domesday** Not recorded - probably included with the manor of Damerham

### Subsidy Rolls and Poll Tax

1334	8. 14. 0
1377	179 taxpayers

**Manorial Documents** Part of the manor of Damerham from Saxon times.

### Hearth Tax

PLACE NAME 944x946 *mertone* OE *Mæretun* 'boundary farm' or possibly 'pond farm'.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

## OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS

Formerly in Wiltshire

Bokerley Dyke, possibly the boundary to Durotrigian territory, lies near the parish of Martin which may explain the name (Eagles, 1994, p24).

Grant of a weekly market and a 3 day annual fair to the Abbot of Glastonbury in 1266.

In 1483 part of the manor of E Martin was granted to the king to enlarge the park of Blagdon (Dorset) (VCH IV, 592).

Other settlement in the parish includes:

East Martin

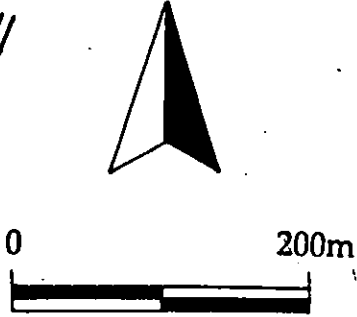
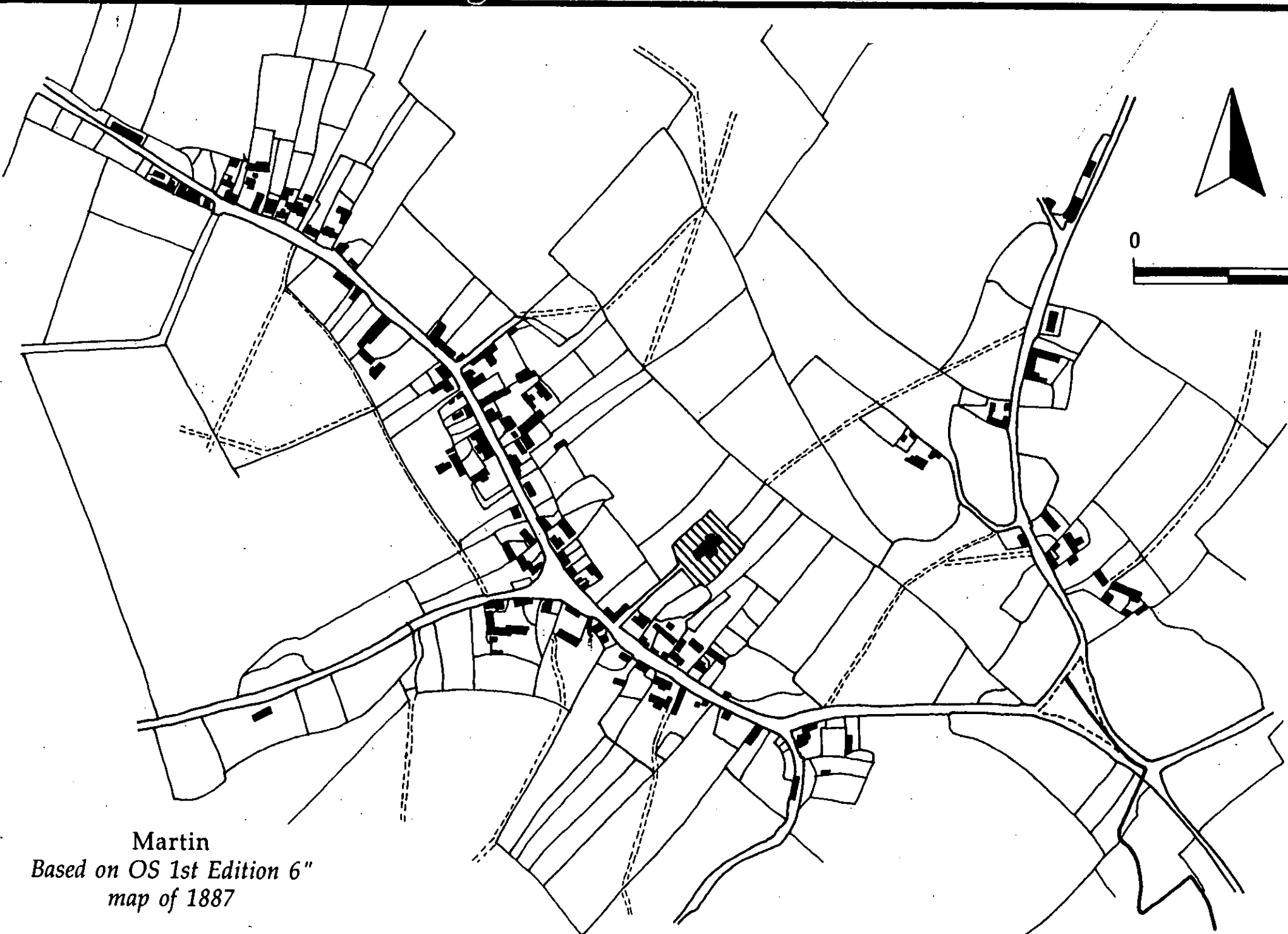
Tidpit First documented 1242

Site of chapel SMR 30, SU07531883

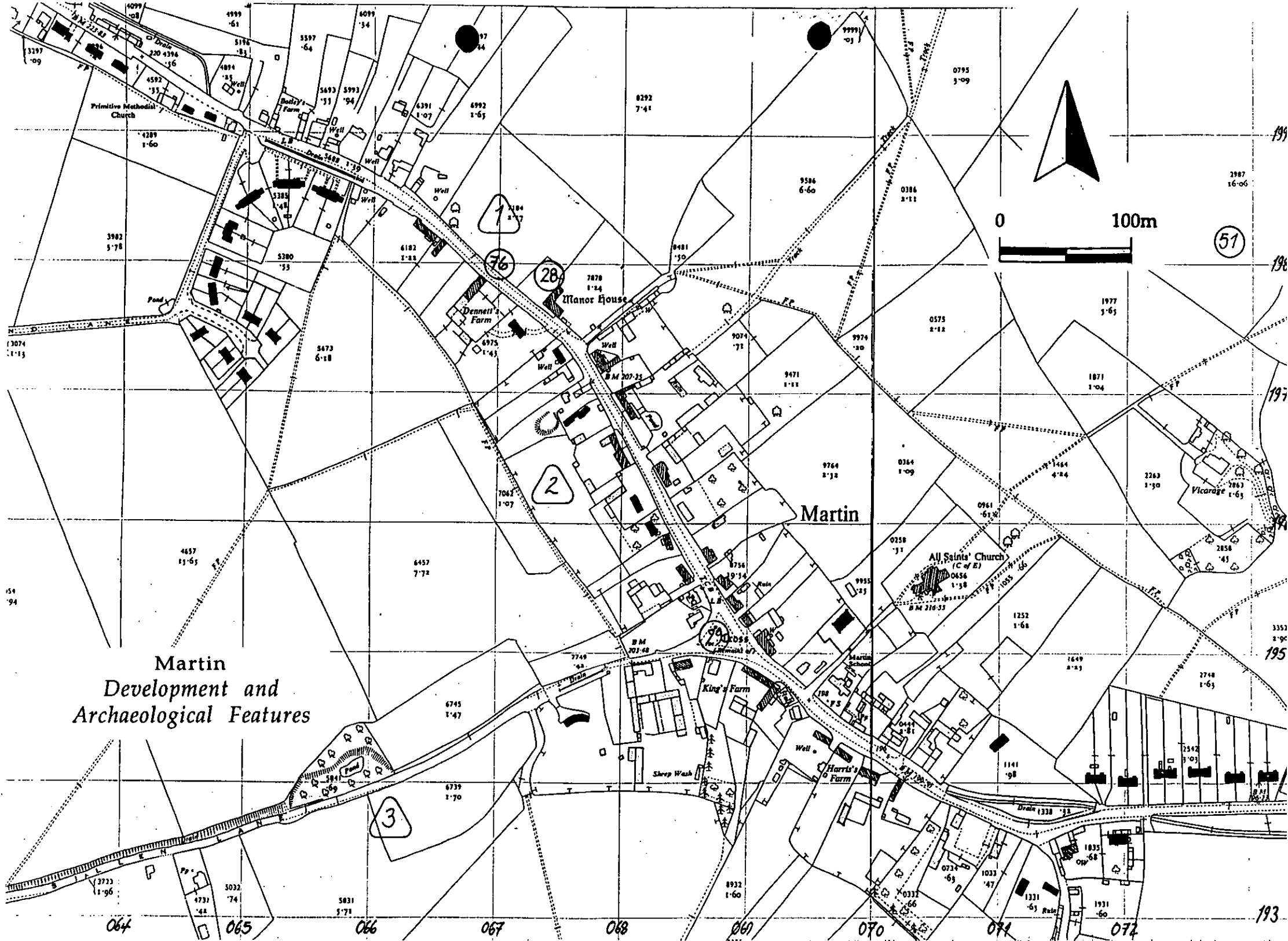
Watermeadows SMR 58 SU07601912

Toyd Farm First documented C13 ? The district of Toyd is recorded in the charter of 944x946 (below) (Finberg, 1964, 42).

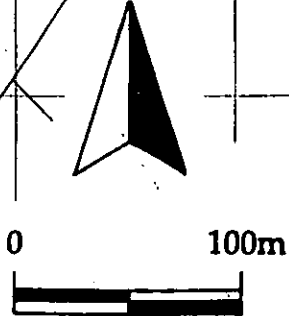
944x946 King Edmund granted Damerham with Martin and Pentridge (Dorset) to his wife for her lifetime with the remainder to Glastonbury Abbey.



Martin  
Based on OS 1st Edition 6"  
map of 1887



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Development and  
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All Saints' Church  
(C of E)

Manor House

Dennett's Farm

Vicarage

King's Farm

Harris's Farm

Primitive Methodist Church

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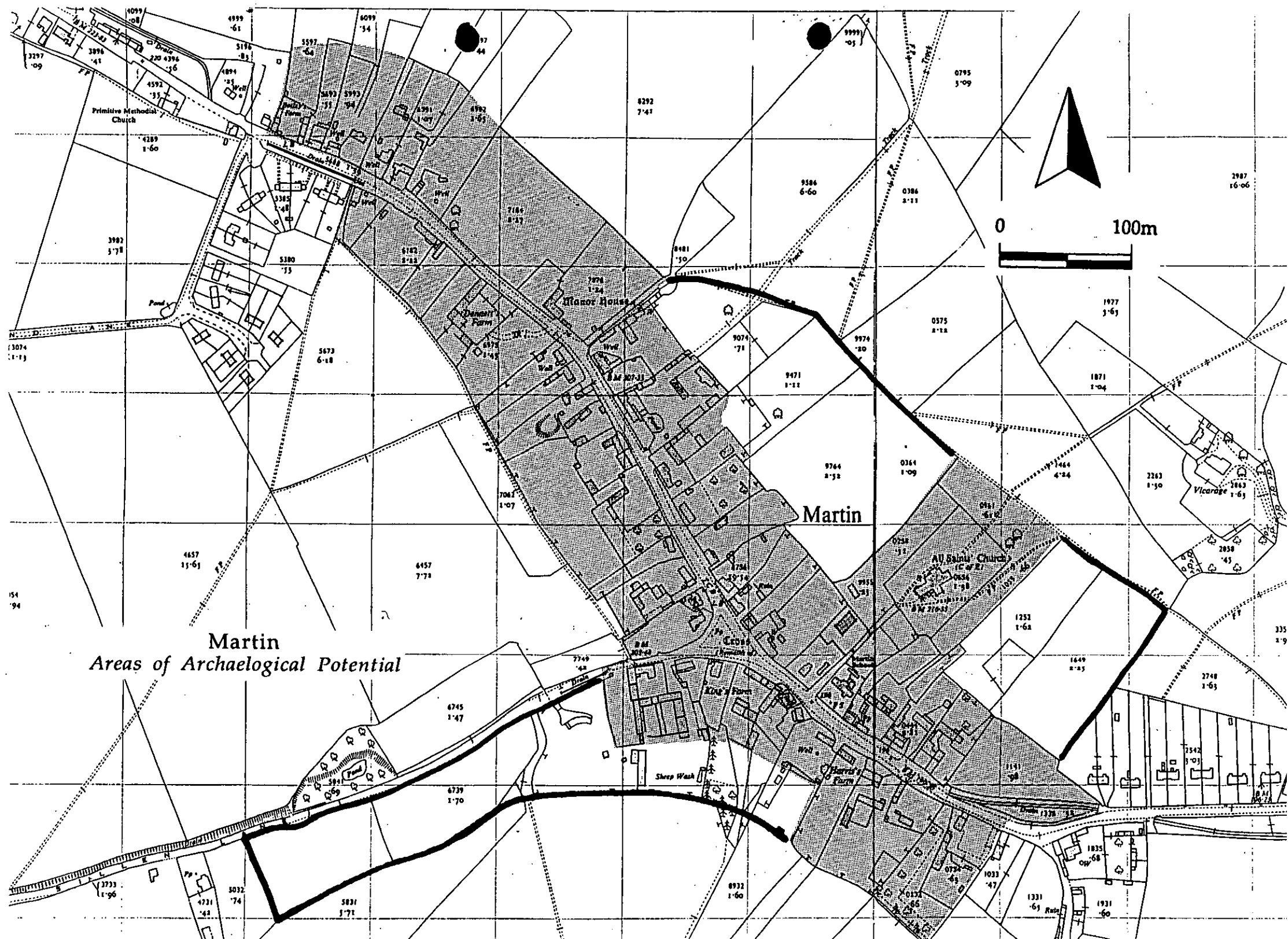
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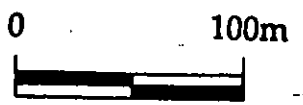
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Manor House

St. John's Church

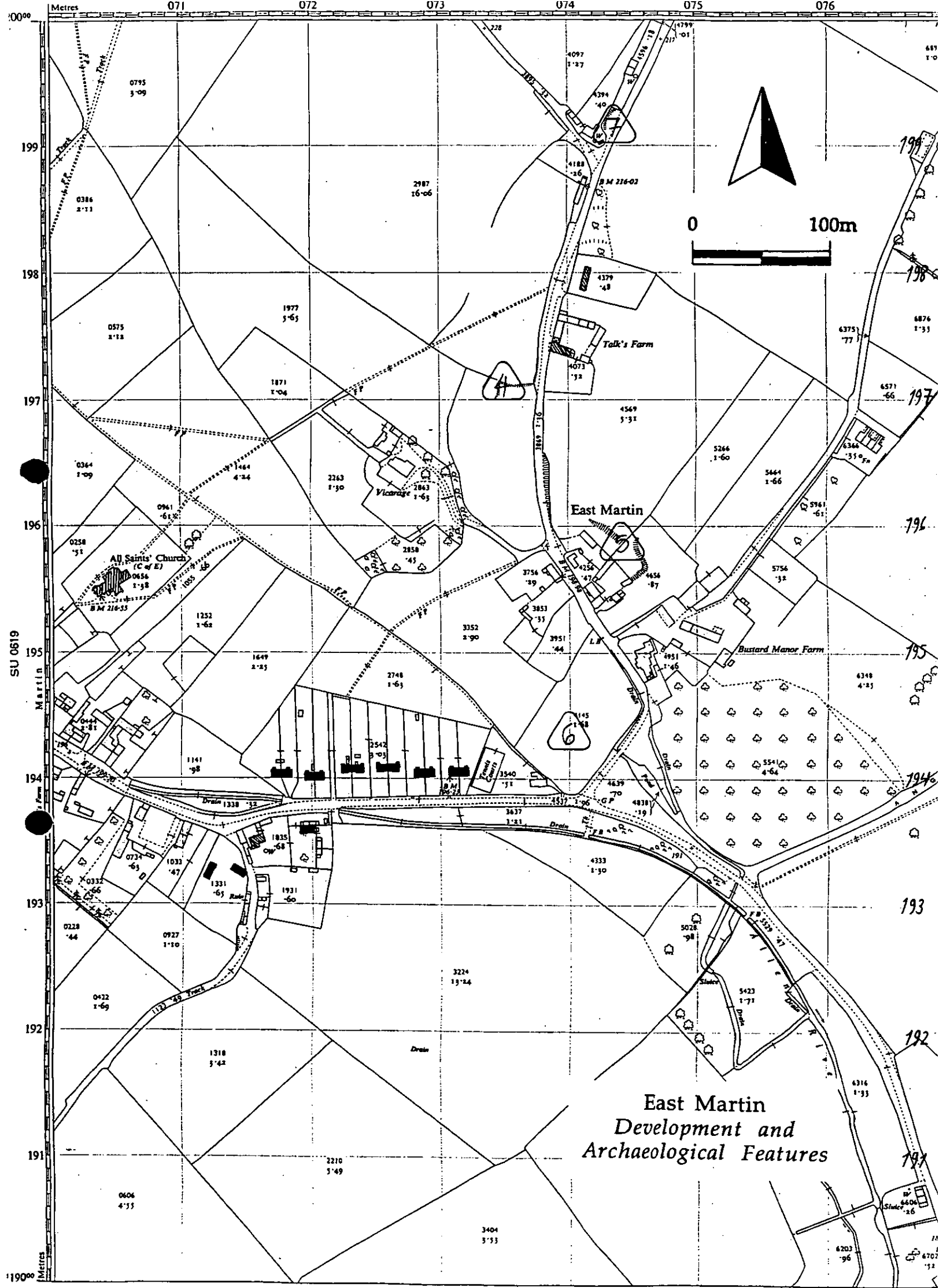
Vicarage

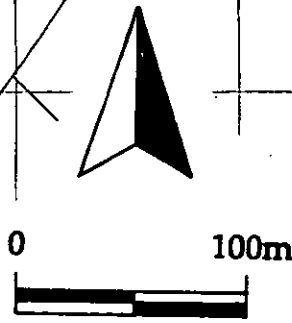
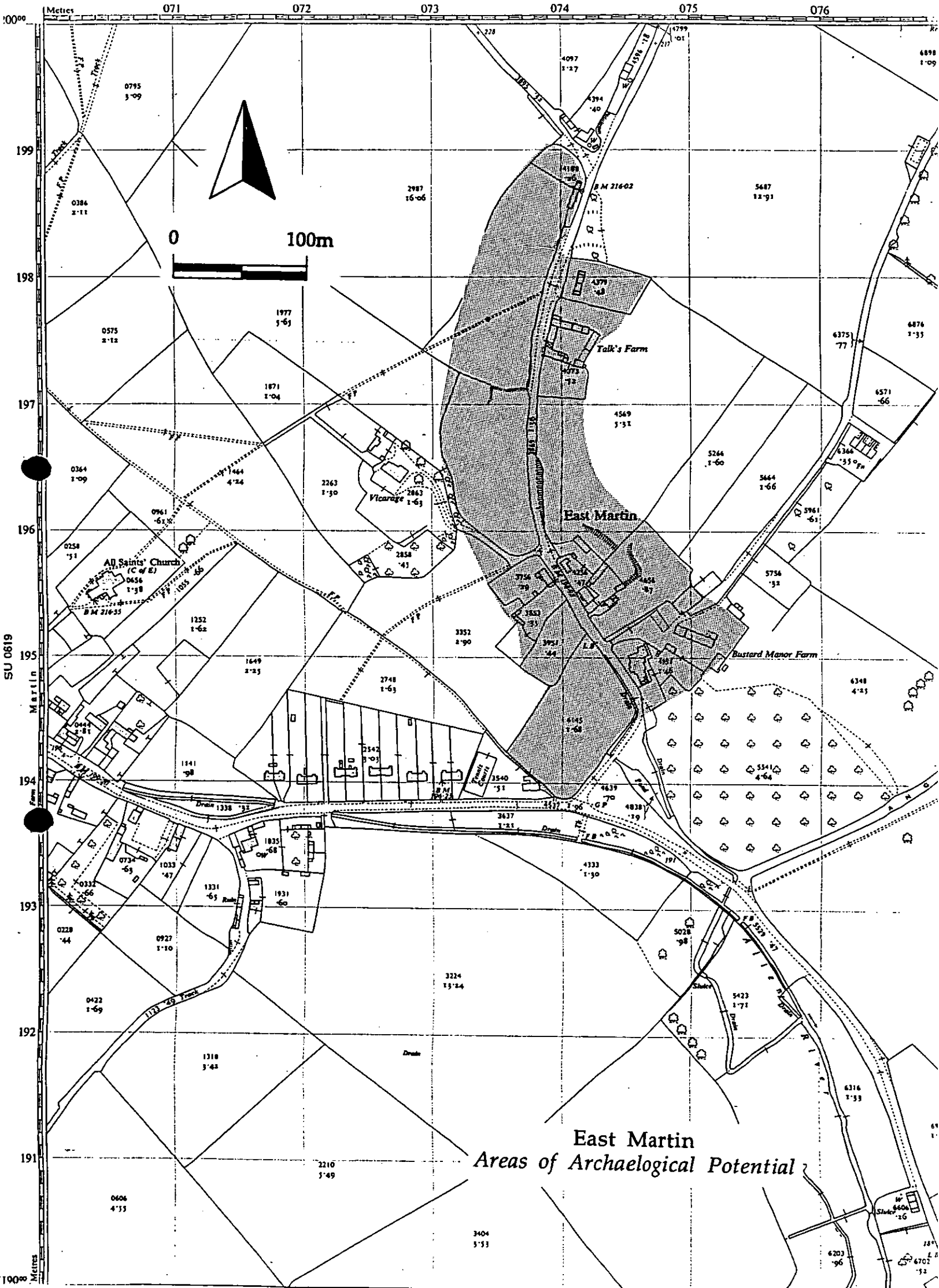
Sheep Wash

Primitive Methodist Church









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