

NAME Woodmancott
PARISH Popham
HUNDRED Micheldever/Mainsborough
DISTRICT Basingstoke and Deane
NGR SU 563425
GEOLOGY Upper Chalk

SITE CONTEXT The settlement lies along a shallow valley at between 120-140m OD. To the N and E the land rises to around 150m OD but the spur along the S side of the settlement does not exceed 140m OD. The valley is dry with no surface streams but the Tithe map marks several ponds.

PLAN TYPE & DESCRIPTION Hamlet.

The church and Manor Farm lie adjacent to each other on the N side of the E-W road. E of the Manor Farm there are several cottages along both sides of the road with associated outbuildings in small irregular plots.

To the SW there are several cottages in small plots lying parallel to the road which are probably of post-medieval date.

AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The SMR records Woodmancott as being a shrunken village. This is questionable. The settlement, apparently a small secondary settlement of Brown Candover in Domesday had only three villagers and the three ploughs of the manor were in lordship. The medieval taxation returns show a small settlement with a maximum of ten taxpayers in 1524. The Hearth Tax records eight houses. The C19 Tithe map shows a slightly larger settlement than the C17 Hearth Tax and if any shrinkage has occurred it has been since the C19.

Many of the C19 house sites are no longer in use and all but the site of the buildings on the S side of the road near the Manor Farm have left no visible trace. The AHAP covers the long unit on the N side of the road which extends from the church at the W end to the junction of the lanes in the E. Within this area is the Manor Farm and the sites of several cottages and houses. Around this area is an AAP to include the site of the buildings on the S side of the road and to cover the possibility that there may have been more occupation around the church.

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD St James, 1855.

BUILDINGS

(Listed)

Church of St James 1835 II

(Un-listed)

SMR DATA

27	56224255	Med church, burnt down 1854
35	56304245	Med shrunken village

ADDITIONAL SITES/FEATURES

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| 1 | 56424247 | Site of a cottage and several outbuildings. The field on the S side of the road is now under arable cultivation but there is a significant hollow where these buildings stood. Another cottage was also sited to the NE near the junction with the road to the SE |
| 2 | 55904226 | Site of several cottages shown on the Tithe map which lay on the S side of the road from the junction with the road to the SE to opposite The Sycamores. One of the buildings consisted of three cottages and another of two |

CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES OS 1:2500 SU 5442-5542, 5642-5742

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

BIBLIOGRAPHY

PRIMARY HISTORIC SOURCES

Domesday Recorded under Brown Candover: Of this manor's land, Alfsi son of Brictsi holds one manor WOODMANCOTT from the Abbey. It is of the lordship land. Before 1066 and now it answered for 6 hides and 2.5 virgates of land. The 20 hides of this manor now answer for 13 hides and 2.5 virgates. In lordship 3 pl; 3 villagers with 2 pl. Meadow, 1 acre. Value of the whole manor before 1066 £13; later as much; now the Abbot's part £8; however, it is at a revenue for £10. Hugh's part 20s; Alfsi's. £7.

Subsidy Rolls

1334	0. 9. 2/2f (Micheldever Hundred)
	0. 8. 5 (Mainsborough Hundred)
1524	1. 12. 0 (10 taxpayers in Mainsborough Hundred)

Manorial Documents

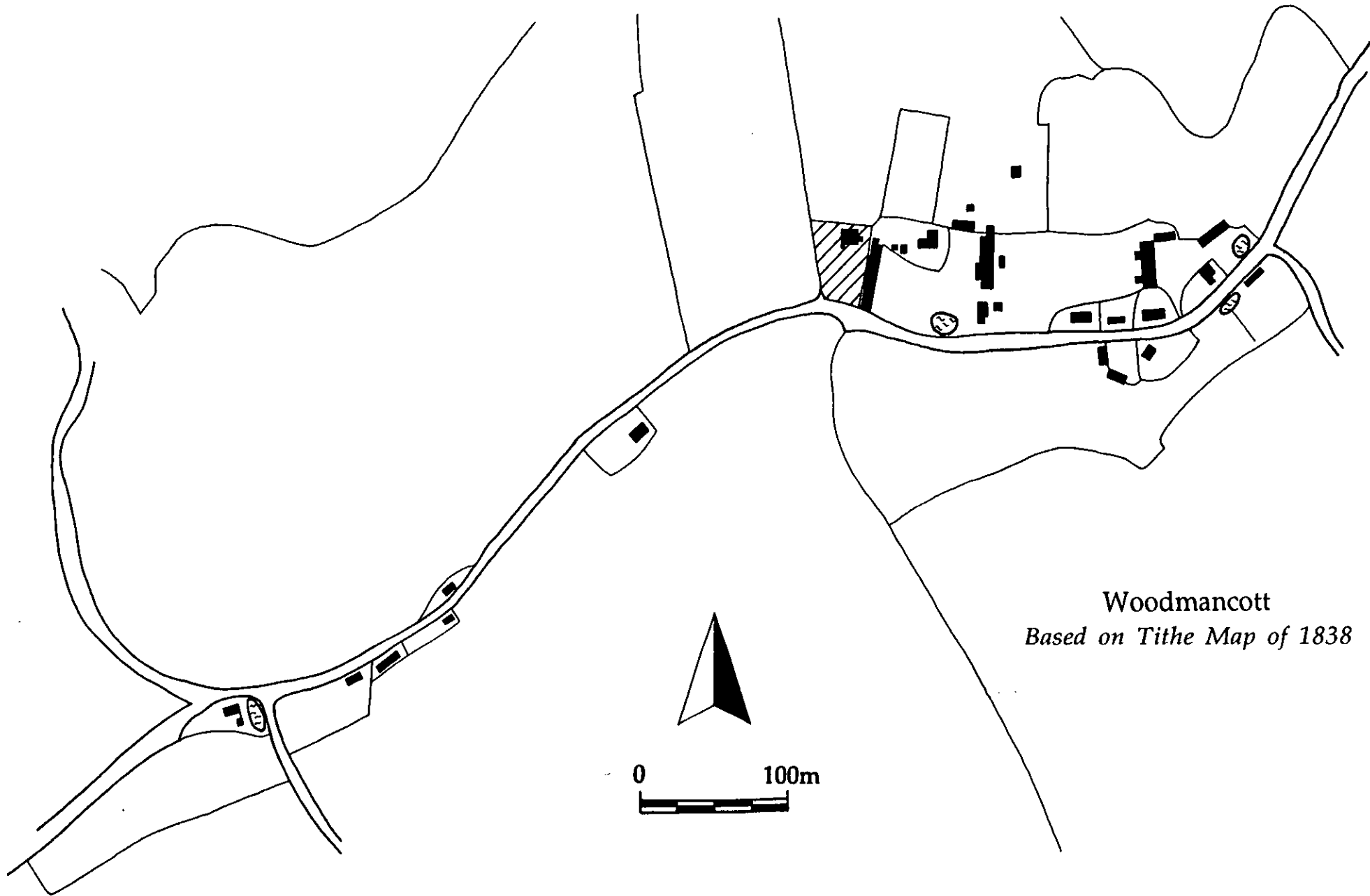
Hearth Tax

1665	14 hearths chargeable (6 houses)
	2 hearths not chargeable (2 houses) Total 8 houses

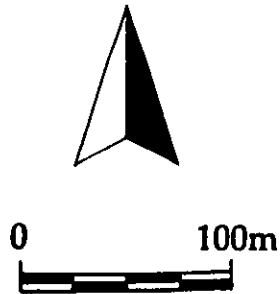
PLACE NAME 903 *wodemancote* OE *Wudumannacotu* 'woodmen's cottages/hovels'. The name suggests that it is not an ancient manor but a place where a specialist function was carried out for a larger manor - possibly the Candover estates. It was a manor by Domesday.

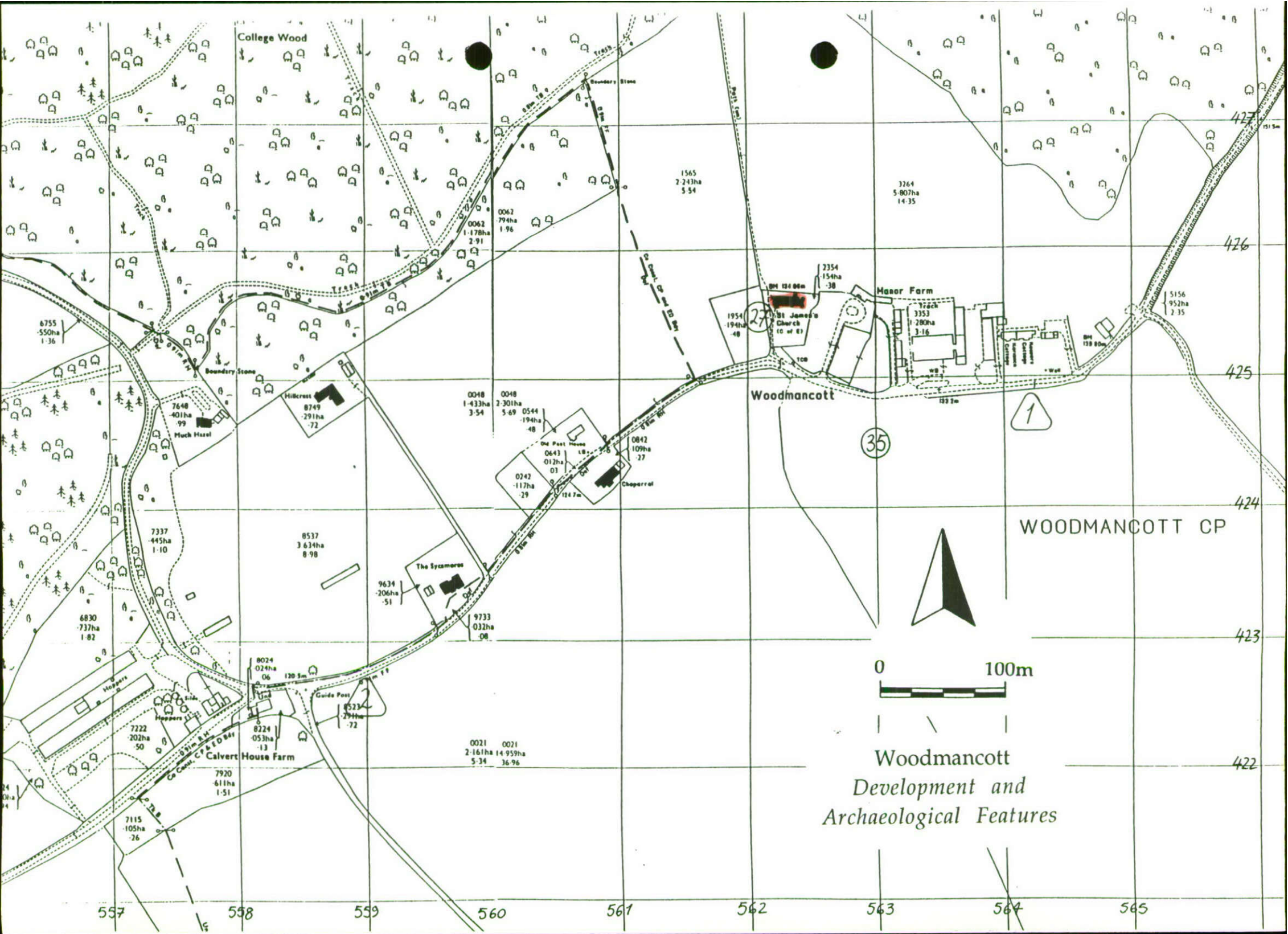
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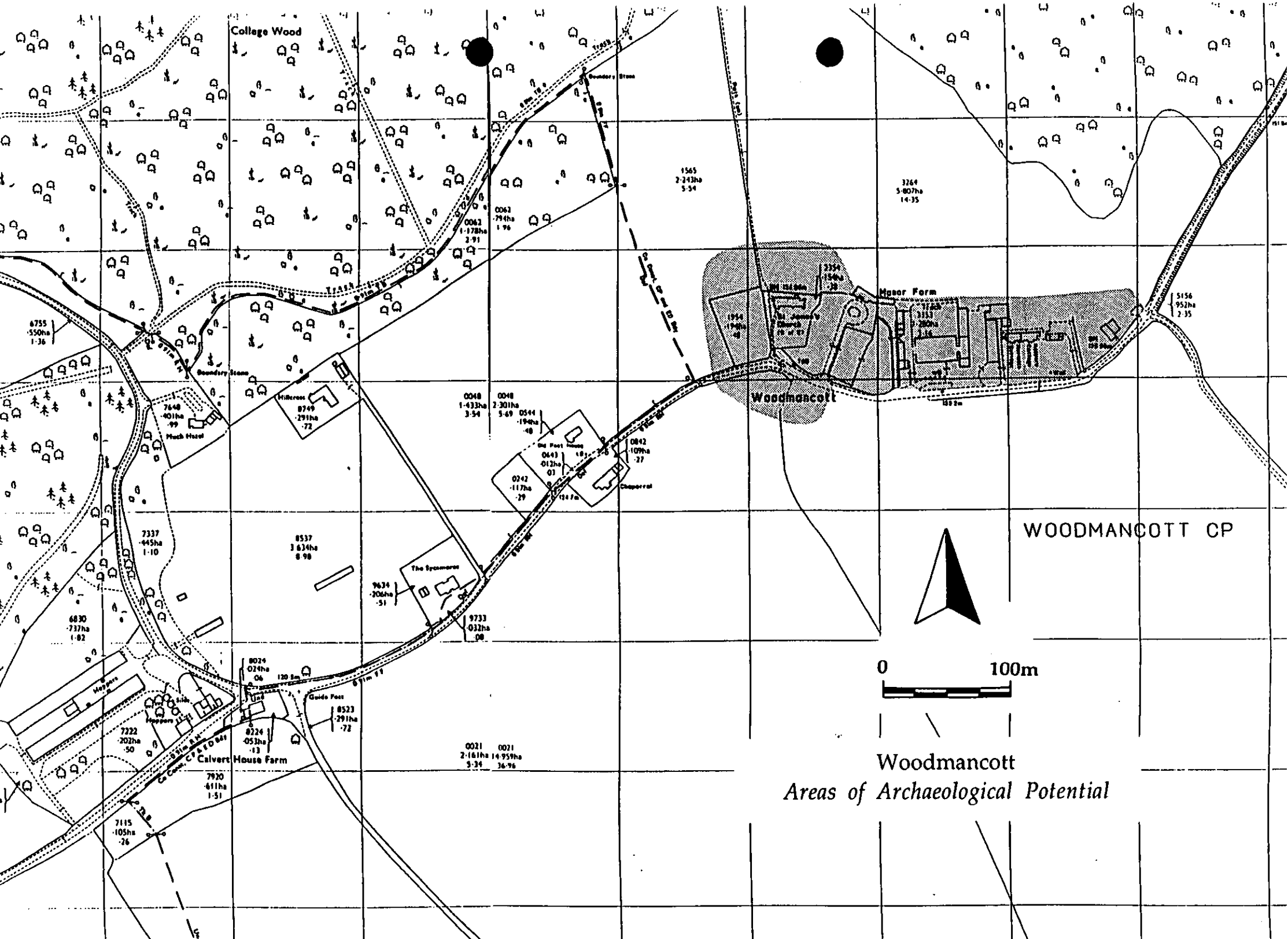
OTHER PROJECT ARCHIVE ELEMENTS



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Based on Tithe Map of 1838







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