

ACCOUNT OF BEATING THE BOUNDS IN THE SPRING OF 1897  
TAKEN FROM THE MINUTE BOOK OF THE EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL.

Present :-

Wm.Clark, {Chairman}, W.H.Clark, T.B.Gibbens, F.Burr, W.T.Twyman, & H. Deveson. (Members of the Parish Council). E. Moat, Jun. and six boys - Bruce Crofts, Fredk. & Wilfred Thorne, J. Love and Hogben H. Goldfinch. These were afterwards joined by W.J. & H.H. Clark.

Commencing at the Listway at Hay, beside the pointing post, the stone at this point is sunk in the ground and should be found about 3½ rods (18m.) from the middle of the road from Ham.

Heading in the direction of Updown, the 2nd stone was found in the Listway about three parts along Mr. Terry's field, which was on our right hand as we journeyed towards Updown Park.

Having reached the road from Eastry to Northbourne, we turned to the left and again to the right into Updown Park by the entrance gate, along the carriageway drive, finding the 3rd. stone, marked E. & H. near the house, on the side next the entrance at the left hand of the drive.

Proceeding in a straight line through a small thicket to the road from Eastry to Betteshanger, the 4th. stone was found at the left hand of the cottages in the chalkhole, marked E.& B.

Crossing the road and proceeding along the top of the Longlands Plantation, the 5th. stone was found just beyond the end of the older plantation and in the younger plantation.

Turning sharply to the right and crossing the Dover Road and the fields, the 6th stone was found by the listway from Venson to North Court, marked E.& T.

The 7th. stone was found in the hedge directly opposite and at the left hand end of the road leading to Eythorne. marked E.& T.

Crossing the road and Thornton Fields, the 8th. stone was found in the chalk pit in the middle of the field, marked E.& T.

Turning to the left across the field to the wire fence, we found the 9th. stone marked E.& T.

Turning to the right and passing through Thornton Farm yard and by the House. the 10th stone was found on the top of the meadow, marked E.& T.

Turning to the left, the 11th. stone was found in the hedge on the left side of the private road to Thornton Cottages.

Turning from the Cottages to the left to the Yew Tree which has marked the boundary through many generations, and apparently will do so for generations yet to come, some thought it was desirable to place a stone at this spot, but others were of opinion that the old tree would not die yet and there would be some difficulty, in deciding the exact spot the stone should occupy.

In accordance with Ancient Custom the Old Hundredth Psalm was sung here.

The 13th. stone (no 12th. is mentioned) is by the road leading to Kittington Farm and the 14th. at the top of Shingleton land in a shave on the left of the road and marked E.& N. The 15th. stone is across the road a little further ahead.

Turning to the right across Knowlton Park in a direct line to Black Lane, another stone is situated about 10 rods (57m.) from the road in the Park. The next stone was found just inside the fence against the Lane.

Turning to the right, down the Lane to the corner of Heronden Farm land and then to the left along the Bank. Here we found 21 stones and one post, one marked H.W.H. (Henry Wise Harvey, 1769-1852).

Following the bank, turning to the left and again to the right along the Listway to Heronden Cottages. Here a halt was called for luncheon, which was supplied by Mr. Thorne of the Five Bells, for our appetites had been thoroughly sharpened by the morning's tramp.

Luncheon finished and having been joined by Mr. W.J.Thorne we proceeded along the Bullway to Hammill Lane. Turning to the left along the lane to the boundary line between Selson land and Denne Court land to the road from Selson past Denne Court Farm. Along the whole of this course are several stones and posts marking the boundary.

Crossing the road and following the hedge along Denne Court meadow, inside which the boundary lies, to 3 stones passed in succession, across the field towards the Canterbury Road.

(From here the description follows the pre- 1931 boundary to Ham Brooks. There are no stones to mark the present boundary.)

Turning to the right along the road to Poison Cross and then to the left along the Woodnesborough Road, a broken stone was found in the bank on the right of Foxbry Hill and at the top of Messrs Deveson's field.

Proceeding along the bank to Grove Farm plantation to the right along a hedge to a stone near the corner of the Hop Garden, where there are two stones a very little way apart. Thence down the edge of the Hop Garden towards Statenboro' to a stone opposite the listway to Buckland Farm on to the hedge.

Turning to the left a direct course is taken to Buckland Farm by the bank on the right hand and on into the meadow to a point by the Garden Fence in a direct line with the stones marking the St. Bartholomew's Acre.

To the right again, to a stone and to the right again to a stone near the hedge, thence to the left in a direct line to a stone in the bank at the side of the Sandwich Road.

Turning to the left along the road the next stone is situated in the bank near the path across the field to Buckland.

Turning now to the right across Felderland Farm and part of Messrs Caspell's plantation, to a pump adjoining cottages beside the Felderland Road, across the road to a stone in the hedge. Again to the right along the Shrubbery, to a stone in the hedge against the garden of the new cottages, across the Shrubbery Meadow to another stone just opposite, in the hedge.

Turning to the left along the footpath towards Worth, to a stone at a point somewhat lower than the stone by the roadside of the Shrubbery. Turning now to the right across the fields, by the hedge on the left hand, to a stone and a short set off to the right, again to the left and directly across the field to the Brooks.

Crossing the wood by a circuitous route to the left and bearing again to the right, to a spot near the Ham Road, where a stone is buried. This is situated in the marsh, about 10 rods (47m.) from the stream next below Ham Bridge in the direction of Word Mill.

Now turning right along the Ham Road to our starting point.

(Signed) William Clark.

*From a copy kindly loaned to me by Hr. R.W. Hopper. October 1990. J.B.*