

The Farms of Basildon Borough

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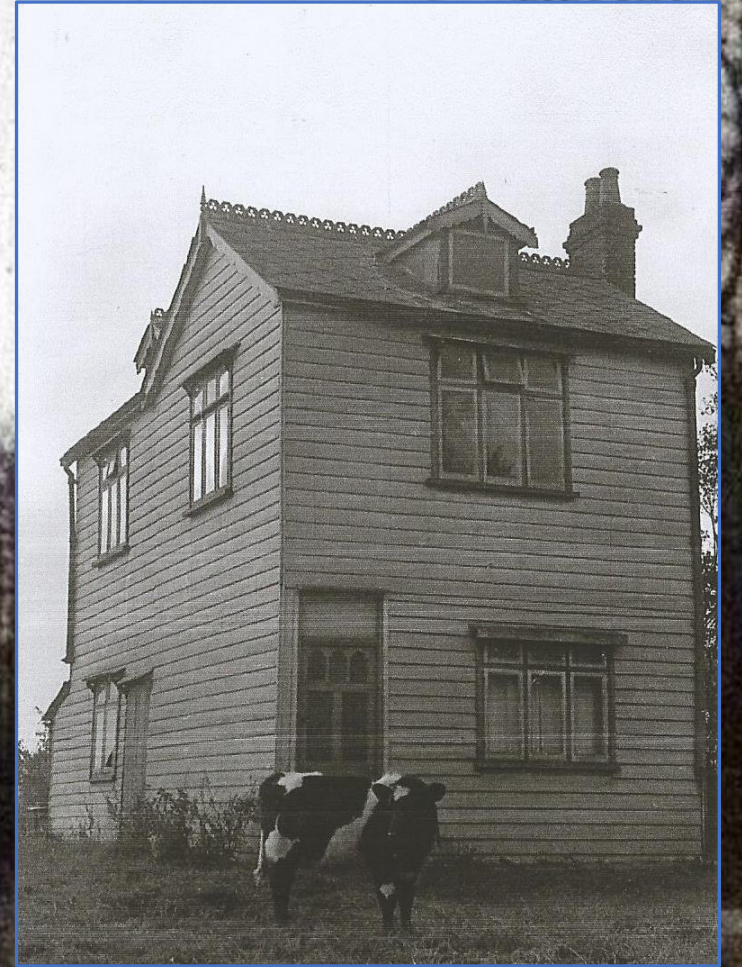
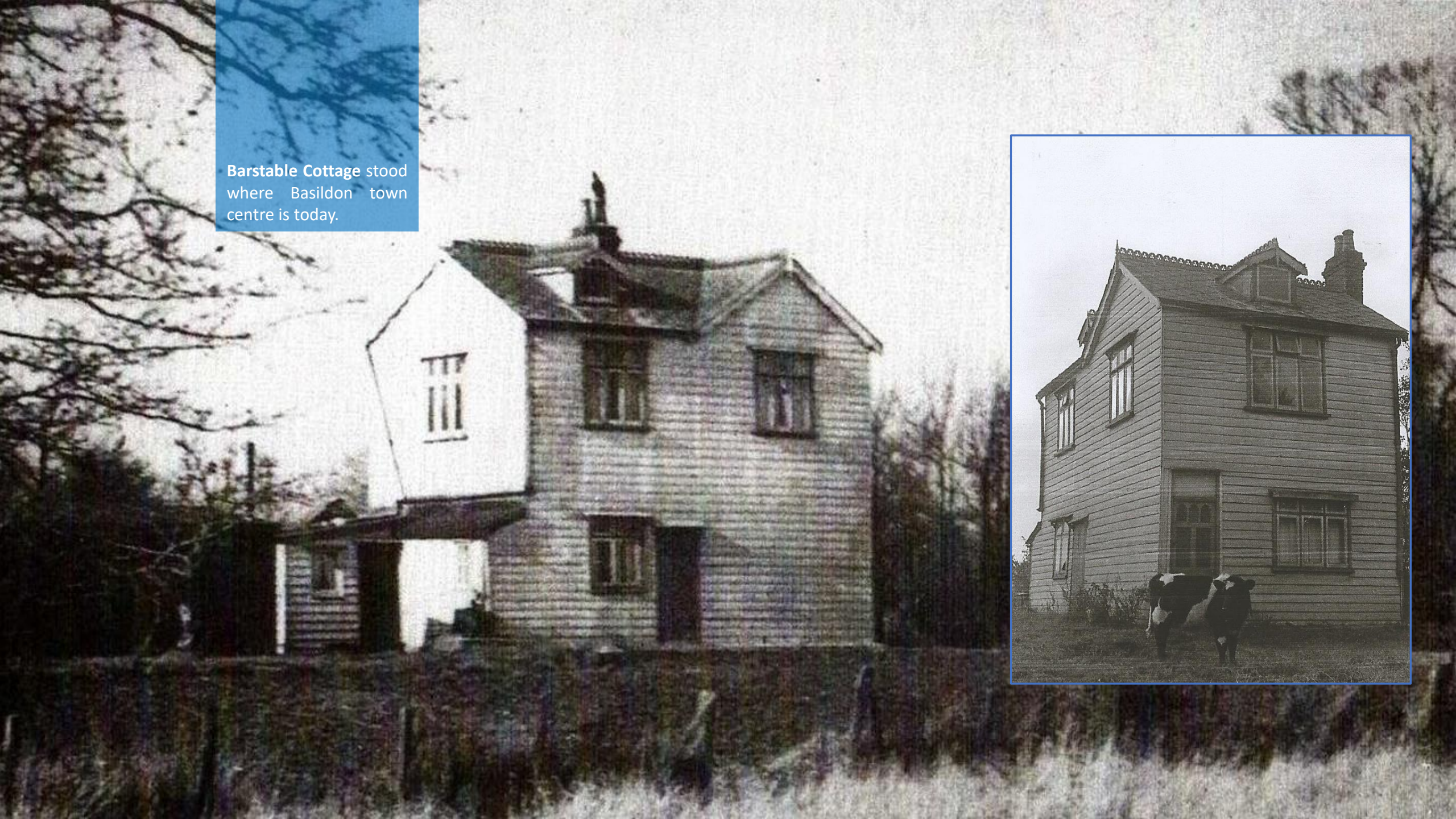
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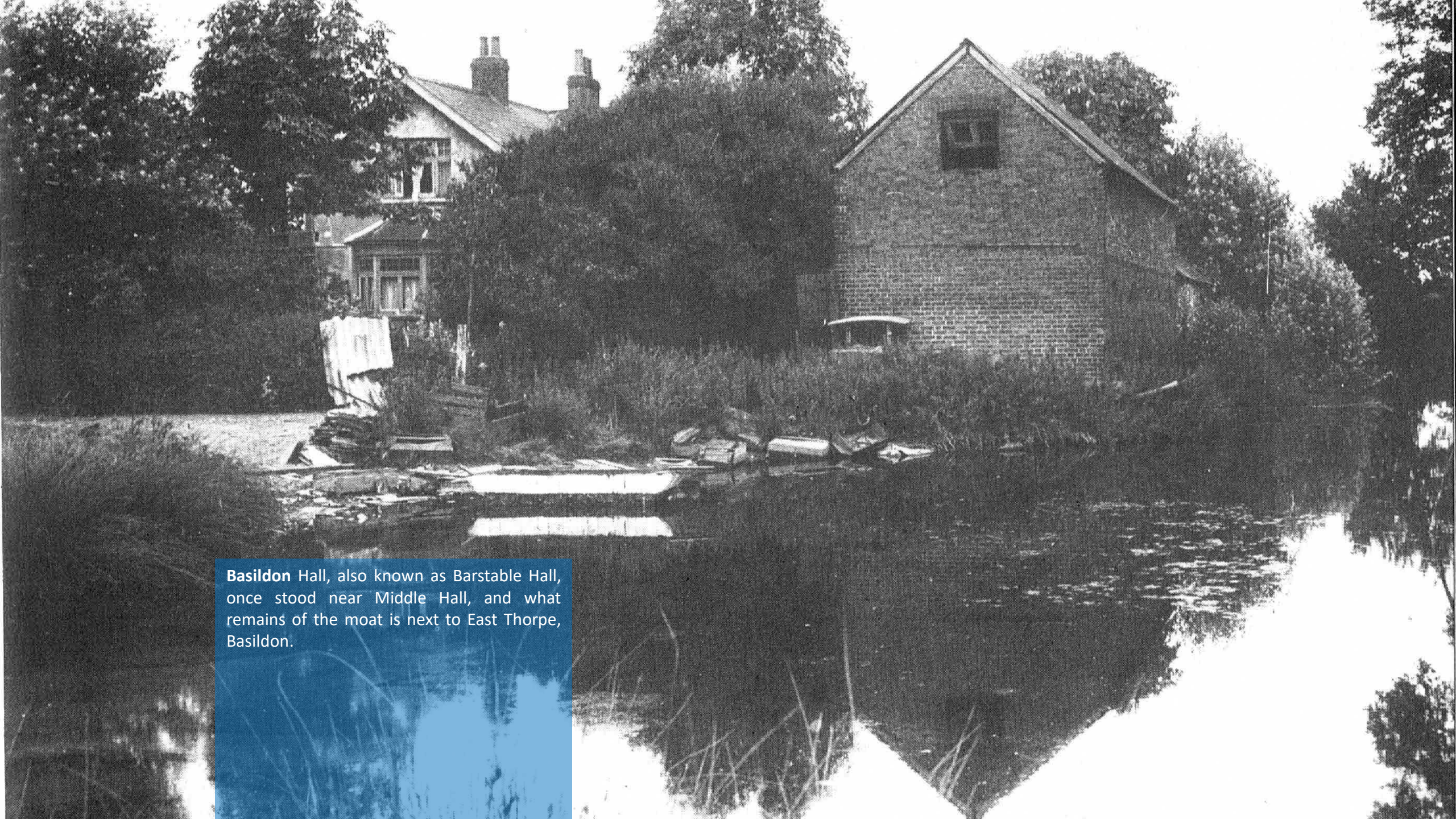
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Still standing on Barleylands Road, **Barleylands Farm** is now a popular local family attraction and hosts many large events.

Barstable Cottage stood
where Basildon town
centre is today.





Basildon Hall, also known as Barstable Hall, once stood near Middle Hall, and what remains of the moat is next to East Thorpe, Basildon.



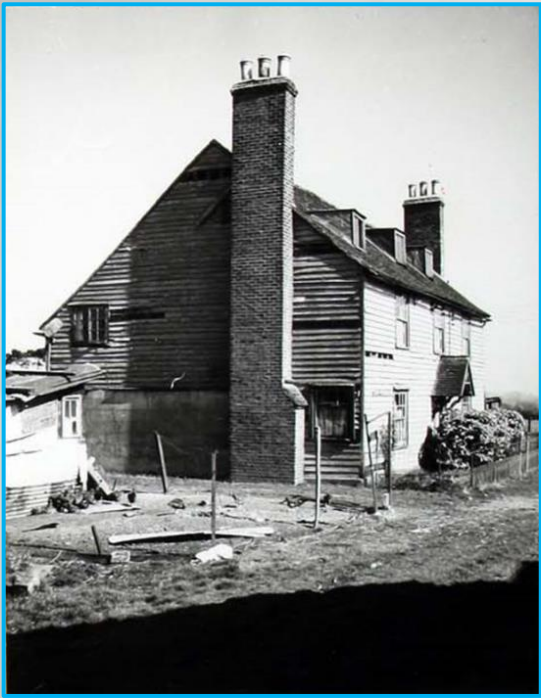
Also known as Barn Hall, **Berne Hall** in Wickford once stood just inside the modern borough boundaries off of what is now Haslemere Road.



Blackmore
Farmhouse

Still standing on Noak Hill Road, in Laindon, Blackmore's Farmhouse is now a private residence.

Older maps show it as 'Blackmore and Bung's Farm'.



The site of **Bluehouse Farm** is now occupied by Bluehouse School in Landon.

The two ponds on the site were part of the farm complex.



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Bluehouse Farm was owned by Harold George Howard of Howard's Dairies and stands on London Road, Pitsea.

It probably farmed the field opposite, which became Howard's Park. The A13 now passes through land behind the farmhouse.

Bowers Hall Farmhouse
stands on Church Road.





Bradfield's Farmhouse still stands on (Old) Burnt Mills Road and is Grade II listed. This dairy farm is still in use and sells a lot of its own products.

Brewitt's Farm sat within the land that makes up Gloucester Park, not far from the Sporting Village.





Brick House Farm once stood on High Road, Pitsea near the railway bridge and opposite the Rectory.



Once standing on London Road, Bowers Gifford, **Bull Farm** was next door to The Bull Inn.



Bullstead Farm, in South Green, once stood on what is now Hickstars Lane and later became The Bulls Head Pub.

It is believed to have dated from the 17th Century. During 1945 it was damaged by a V1 flying bomb, and was then demolished in 1947.




At some time after Lee Chapel Farm burned down in 1915, a new house was built in the area. **Castlemaine** got its name as the farmhouse bore a resemblance to a castle.

It later gave its name to the Castlemaine Pub, which stands on The Knares.

Chambers Farm stood on (Old) Nevendon Road, opposite The Fore Riders. The farmhouse may even still stand there today.





Coxes Farm gave its name to the road it stands on in Great Burstead.

The 16th -17th Century farmhouse has been Grade II listed since 1975.



Giving its name to **Cranes Farm** Road and **Cranes Court** in Nevendon, **Cranes Farm** has gone but part of the moat that sat near it can still be seen by **Cranes Court**.

Crayhill Farm once stood where Staceys Mount, Crays Hill now is.

The farmhouse burned down in the early 1900's.






One of several farms standing on Wash Road, Laindon. **Daniels Farmhouse** exists, but the rest of the site is now occupied by business units.

Dove's Farm stands on Pound Lane, Laindon. This Grade II listed building was built during the 1700's.





Drystreet Farm unsurprisingly stands on Dry Street.

This farmhouse was built around 1720 and is Grade II listed.



Dunton Hall stands next to St. Mary's Church in Dunton. The Hall dates from the 1700's with some additions being added in the early 1800's.

Dunton Wayletts Manor Farm is a Grade II listed building and stands next to Brentwood Road and the A127.





Fairhouse Farm stood next to where Long Riding meets Church Road today. The land is now occupied by Fairhouse School.






This photo, taken in the early 1900's, shows Fels Farm, which stood in Nevendon.



Felmores Farmhouse stood next to where the council depot is in Northlands Park. It was demolished during 1987.



A two-story brick building with a central arched doorway and four windows. The building is made of light-colored bricks and has a flat roof with a chimney. There are some plants in front of the building and a black metal fence. The sky is overcast.

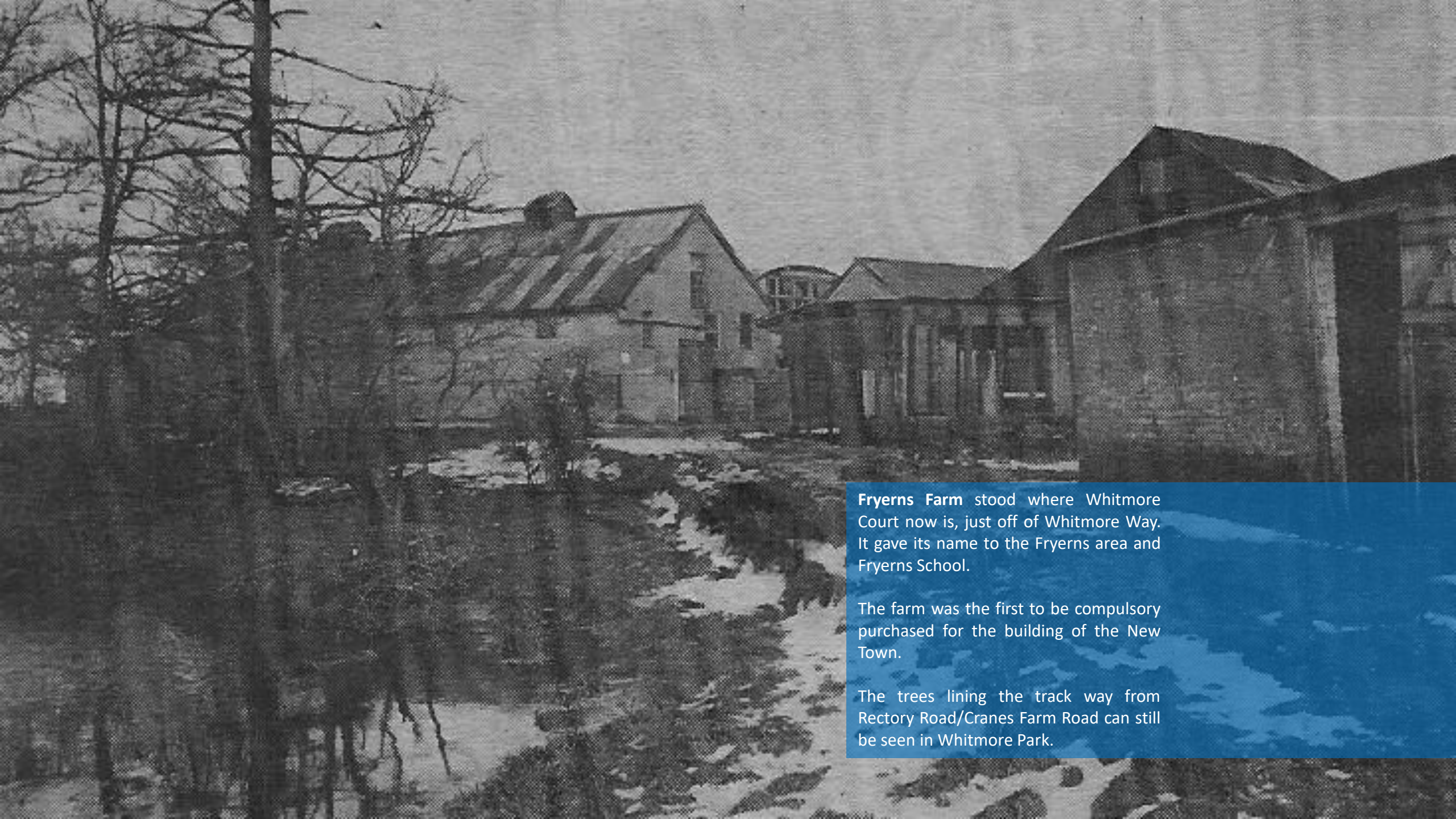
Standing in the Fobbing area of Basildon, **Fobbing Farmhouse** is now part of St. Luke's Hospice. A lot of the farmland was used to build Basildon Hospital and Basildon College.

Framptons Farm may still stand on Church Lane in Nevendon. The site is fenced off and a lot of the farm land disappeared under the Water Treatment Plant.



Friern Manor still stands on Lower Dunton Road today.





Fryerns Farm stood where Whitmore Court now is, just off of Whitmore Way. It gave its name to the Fryerns area and Fryerns School.

The farm was the first to be compulsory purchased for the building of the New Town.

The trees lining the track way from Rectory Road/Cranes Farm Road can still be seen in Whitmore Park.



Great Bromfords Farm once stood on Nevendon Road, with Little Bromfords (now called Nevendon Manor) behind it.

The building was demolished in the early 1950's and was replaced with a modern house which still stands on the site.



Great Fanton Hall, also known as Old Fanton Hall, Wickford was built in the 16th and 17th Century on what is now Fanton Farm Road, where it meets Sappers Farm.



Great Gubbins Manor Farm stood where Westmayne now passes through Laindon.


Gobions, near Woodland's School in Basildon was named after the farm.

Grimshill Farm still occupies the same site in South Green near where Southend Road meets Highfield Road.





Harrods Farm stood on Outwood Common Lane in Billericay. The farm was demolished in 1968 and is now covered by housing, part of which is now known as Harrods Court.



Haslett's Farm still stands on Dry Street, next to Northlands Approach.

The farmhouse has since been replaced with a modern building.

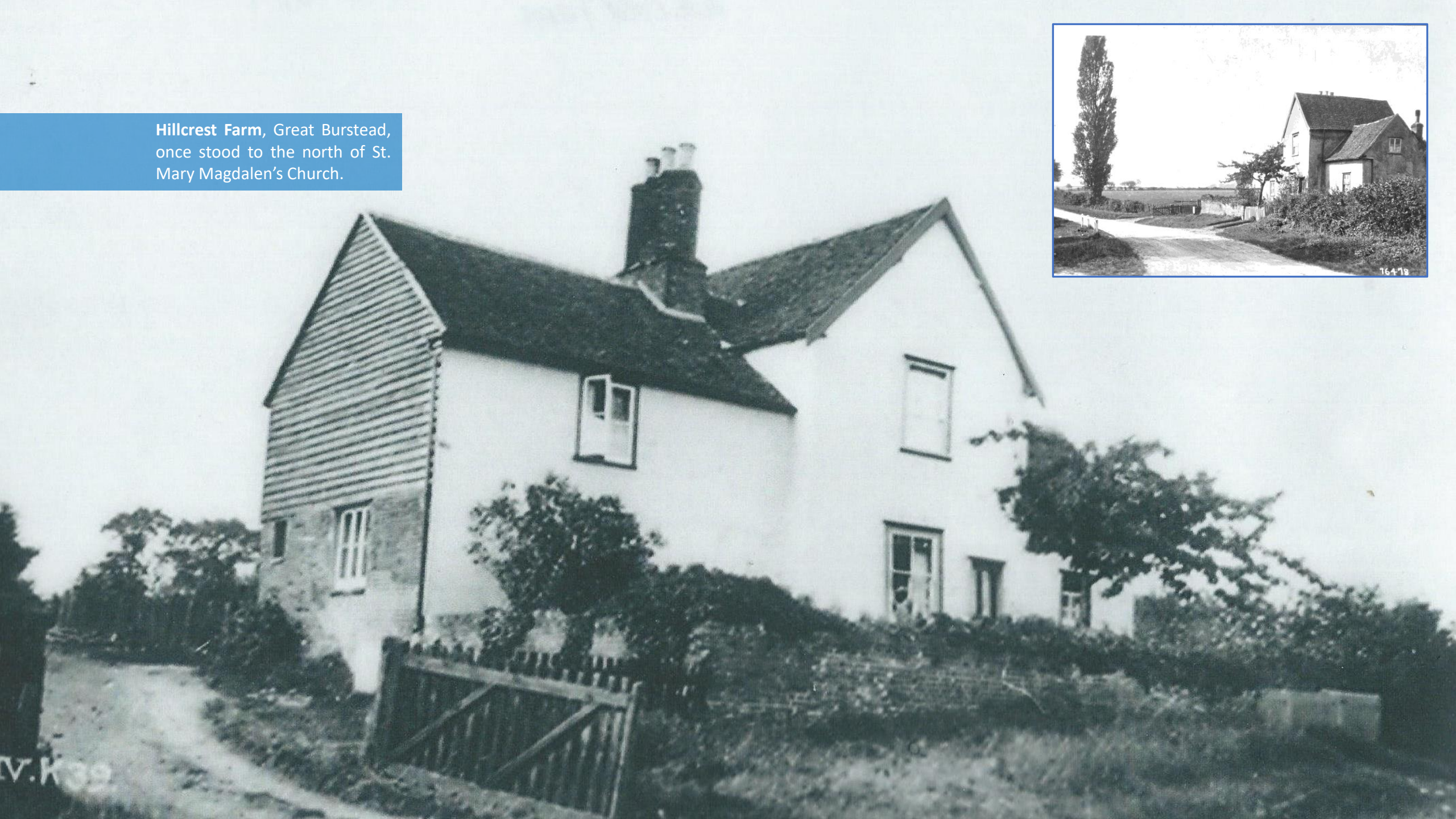


Highbury Farm was built during the 16th or 17th Century and stood somewhere in Great Burstead.



Hill Farm once stood near Vange Hall, now occupied by Basildon Golf Course.

Hillcrest Farm, Great Burstead,
once stood to the north of St.
Mary Magdalen's Church.






Hovefields Farm once stood at the end of a lane that started on the Old Burnt Mills Road.

The site is now under industrial buildings on Courtauld Road, next to the current site known as Hovefields.



Hunts Farm once stood where Howard Chase is, near Cranes Farm Road. It was demolished in 1961 to make way for Cranes Farm Road.



Kiln Farm stood near the saltings on Vange Marsh.

Laindon Hall Manor Farm stood next to St. Nicholas Church. The building was burnt down after an arson attack several years ago.





Laindonponds is a private, Grade II listed, property. This stands on Wash Road, Noak Bridge.

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Lee Chapel Farm sat at the east end of Lee Chapel Lane, near to what is now Sporhams.

The farmhouse was destroyed by fire in 1915.



Little Bromfords is now known as Nevendon Manor and dates from the 16th Century. The Manor has been Grade II listed since 1975.





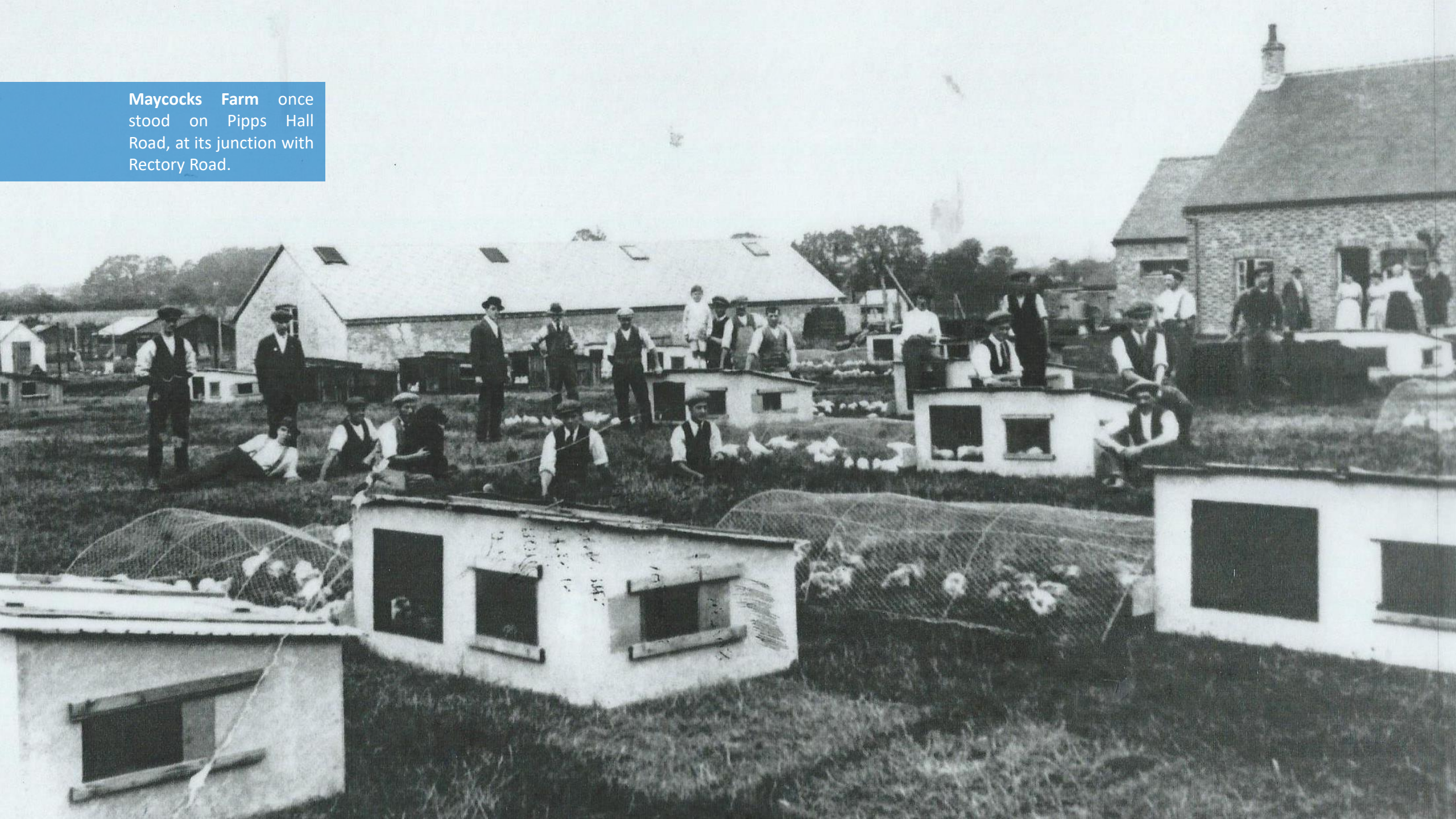
Luncies Farm sat just within the Vange boundaries, on what is now Luncies Road.





Marsh House stood on Vange Marsh, near to Vange Creek.

Maycocks Farm once stood on Pipp's Hall Road, at its junction with Rectory Road.



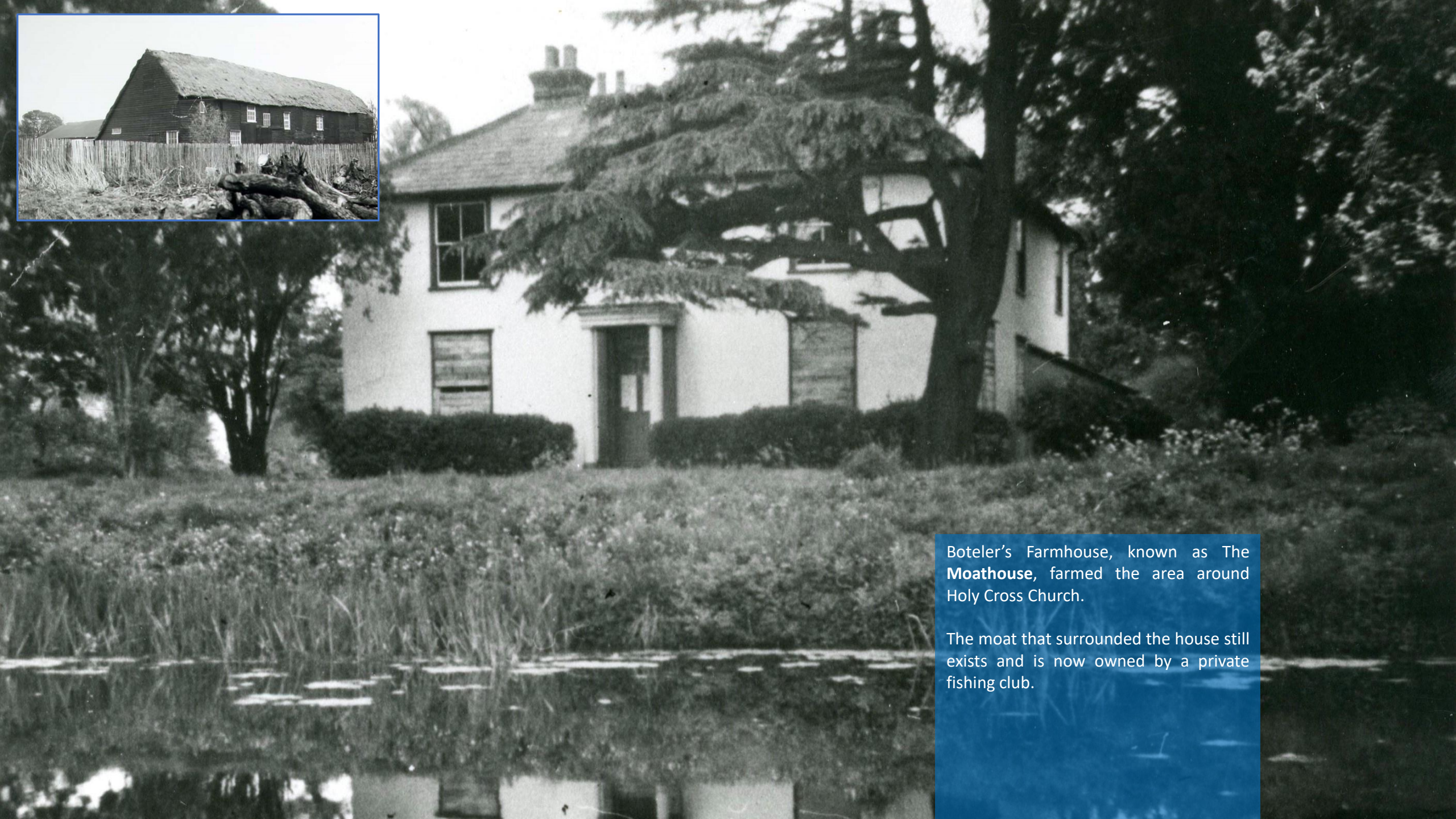


Merricks Farm stood near Vange Wharf, and was later called Riverside Farm.

The farmhouse burnt down in 1961.



A map from the 1950's shows **Moat Farm Cottages** on the site we know as Fore Riders, on (Old) Nevendon Road.



Boteler's Farmhouse, known as The **Moathouse**, farmed the area around Holy Cross Church.

The moat that surrounded the house still exists and is now owned by a private fishing club.



Mountfitchett Farm once stood on Vange High Road.

Mudies Farm once stood on
Timberlog Lane.



Nightingale Farm stood on Lee Chapel Lane, opposite a footpath that became Stacey Drive.





Norsey Lands Farm was based in Norsey Manor.

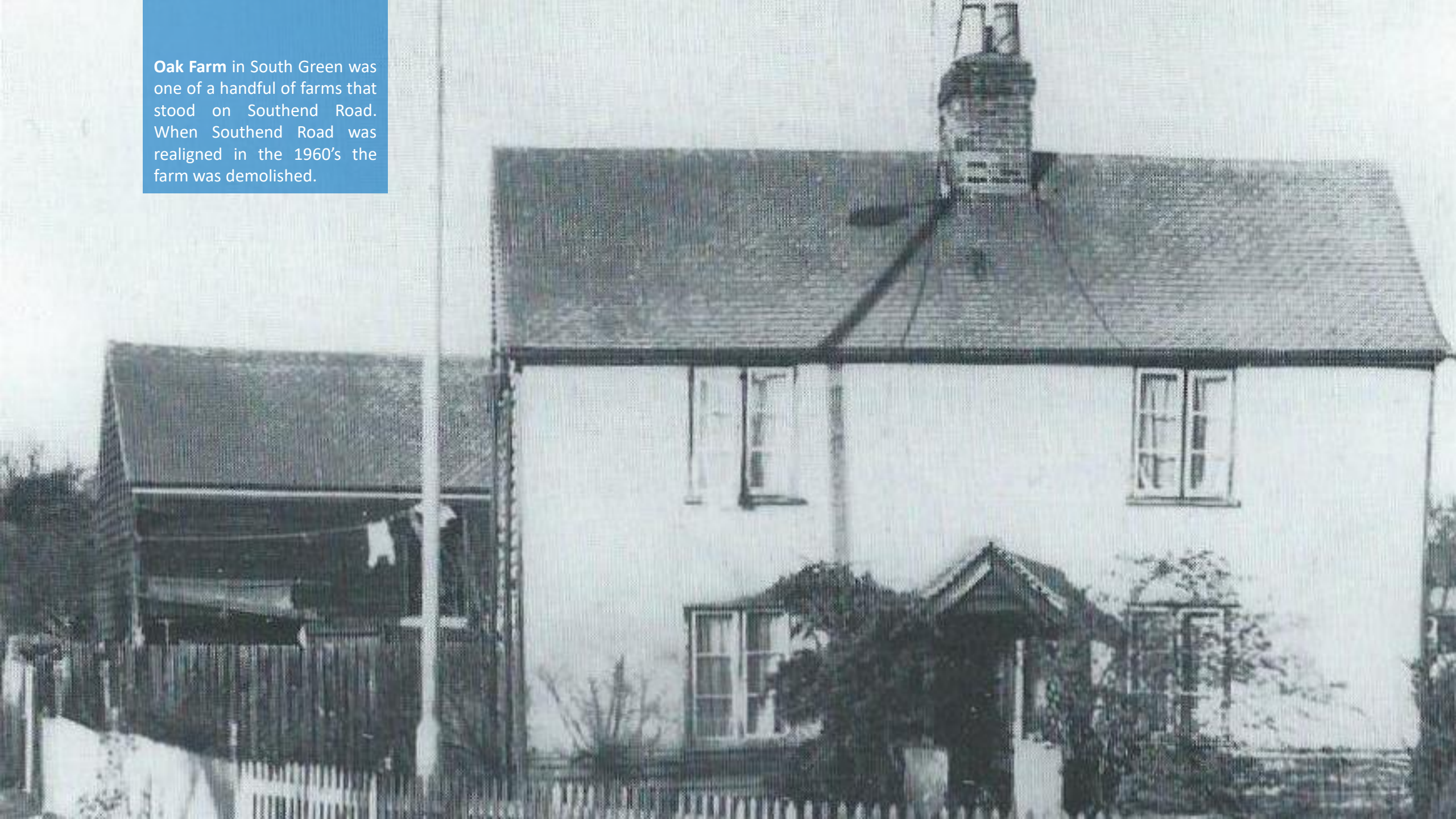


North Benfleet Hall was a Tudor building, with later additions, that disappeared prior to the Second World War. There is still a farm nearby and part of the moat, now dry, is still visible.



Northlands House once stood near Langdon Approach, which is off of Dry Street. It burned down during in 1933 and has since been replaced.

Oak Farm in South Green was one of a handful of farms that stood on Southend Road. When Southend Road was realigned in the 1960's the farm was demolished.





Outwood Farm appears to now be occupied by a riding centre, and shares its name with the road it stands on in Billericay.



Oliphants Farmhouse
once stood on a site
now covered by the
tractor plant on
Cranes Farm Road.

Park Farm was also known as Park Dairy. It stood on Lee Chapel Lane, and part of it still exists today.





Parsonage Farm stood in Ramsden Crays, on Church Lane, and next door to the church, which is privately owned.



Puckles Farm, another of the farms on Wash Road, dated from the early 17th century and stood opposite Benson's Farm.

The farm was named after one of its previous owners, who died in 1617.



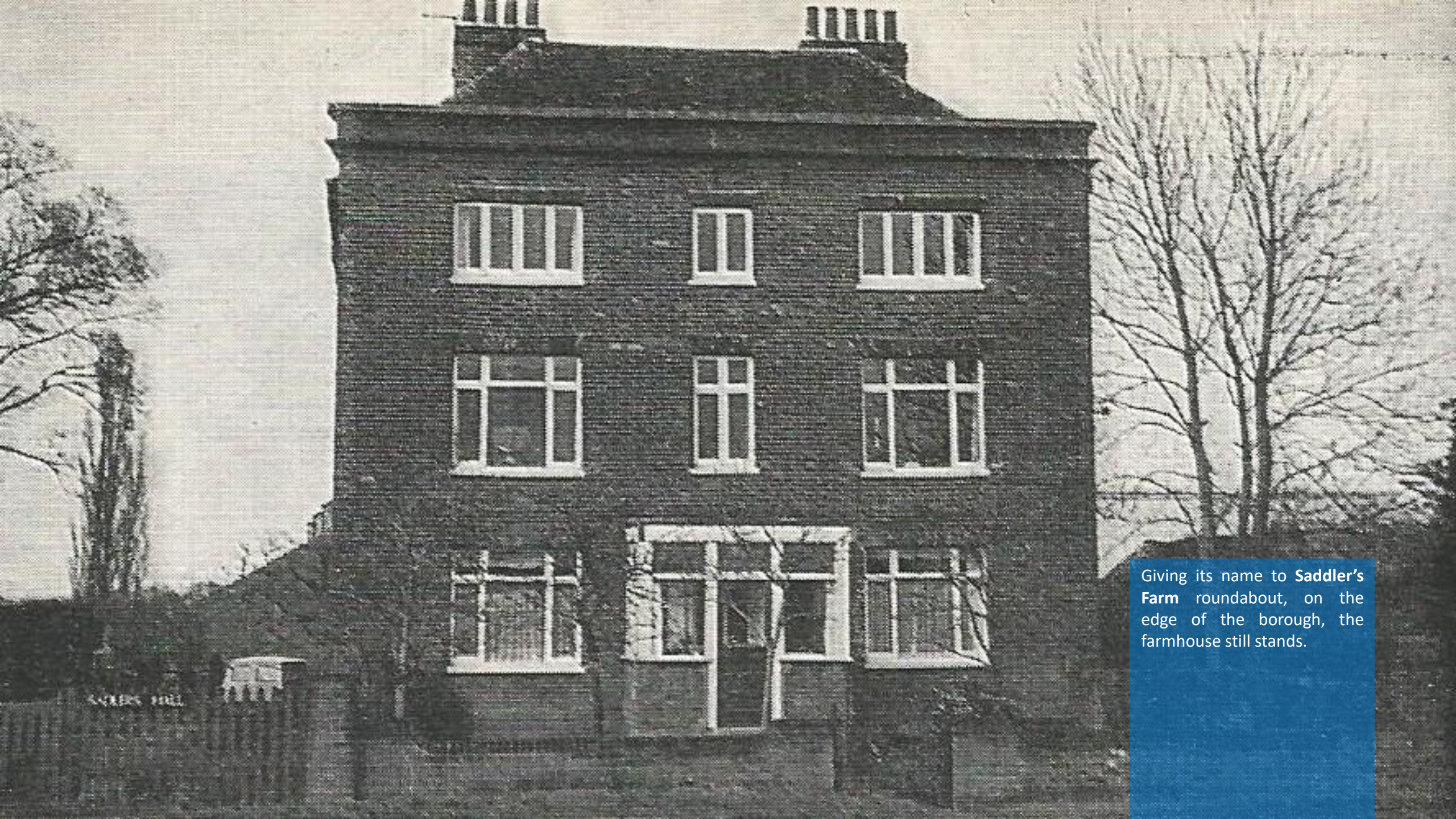
Ramsden Bellhouse Hall can be found on Church Road, next door to the church of St. Mary The Virgin.

Built in the late 1500's the front of the building was resurfaced in the 1700's with the red brick we can see today.


The Hall became Grade II listed in 1955.



Based in Ramsden Bellhouse, **Ramsden Park Farm** still exists though the 15th Century buildings that were there in 1898 may not. There are stables on the site.



Giving its name to **Saddler's Farm** roundabout, on the edge of the borough, the farmhouse still stands.



Shonks Farm stood on High Road, Vange and probably took its name from a previous occupant.



Shop House Farm stood on the current site of St. Gabriel's Church on Rectory Road, Pitsea. In later life it was used as Pitsea Rectory.

Shot Farm, in Shotgate, is a 16th Century, Grade II listed farmhouse that still exists.





Shotgate Farm is also Grade II listed. The 17th Century farmhouse suffered some damage during the war, but it still stands today.

SHOTGATE
FARM

Snails Hall Farm sat on what is now Greens Farm Lane, South Green near with its junction with Outwood Common Road.






Southend Farm, once known as Mudd Farm, still stands on Southend Road in South Green. The farmhouse is Grade II listed.



Southfields Farm in Dunton gave its name to the nearby Industrial Area.

The farmhouse stood on the land now occupied by Ford's test track.



Stilemans once stood on Wickford Broadway near The Swan Pub. It is remembered today in a road name off of Lower Southend Road.



Tiffaynes Farm, once known as Smiths, is a Grade II listed farmhouse on Old Burnt Mills Road in North Benfleet. The farmhouse dates from the 16th Century.



Vange Hall stood where Basildon Golf Club is now and was accessed by a track from London Road.

Watch House Farm still stands on Wash Road, Laindon opposite the junction with Pound Lane Central.



Well Farm once stood on Church Road in Great Burstead.



Whelps Farm was once on Dunton Road, this one was within the modern borders of Basildon. It has now been replaced by Whelp's Cottages.





Westley Hall, also shown on maps as West Lee Hall, stands near Lee Chapel Lane to the West of Lee Chapel.

The Hall dates from the 18th Century.

White's Bridge Farm once stood on Southend Road, Crays Hill near where it meets Harding Elm's Road.



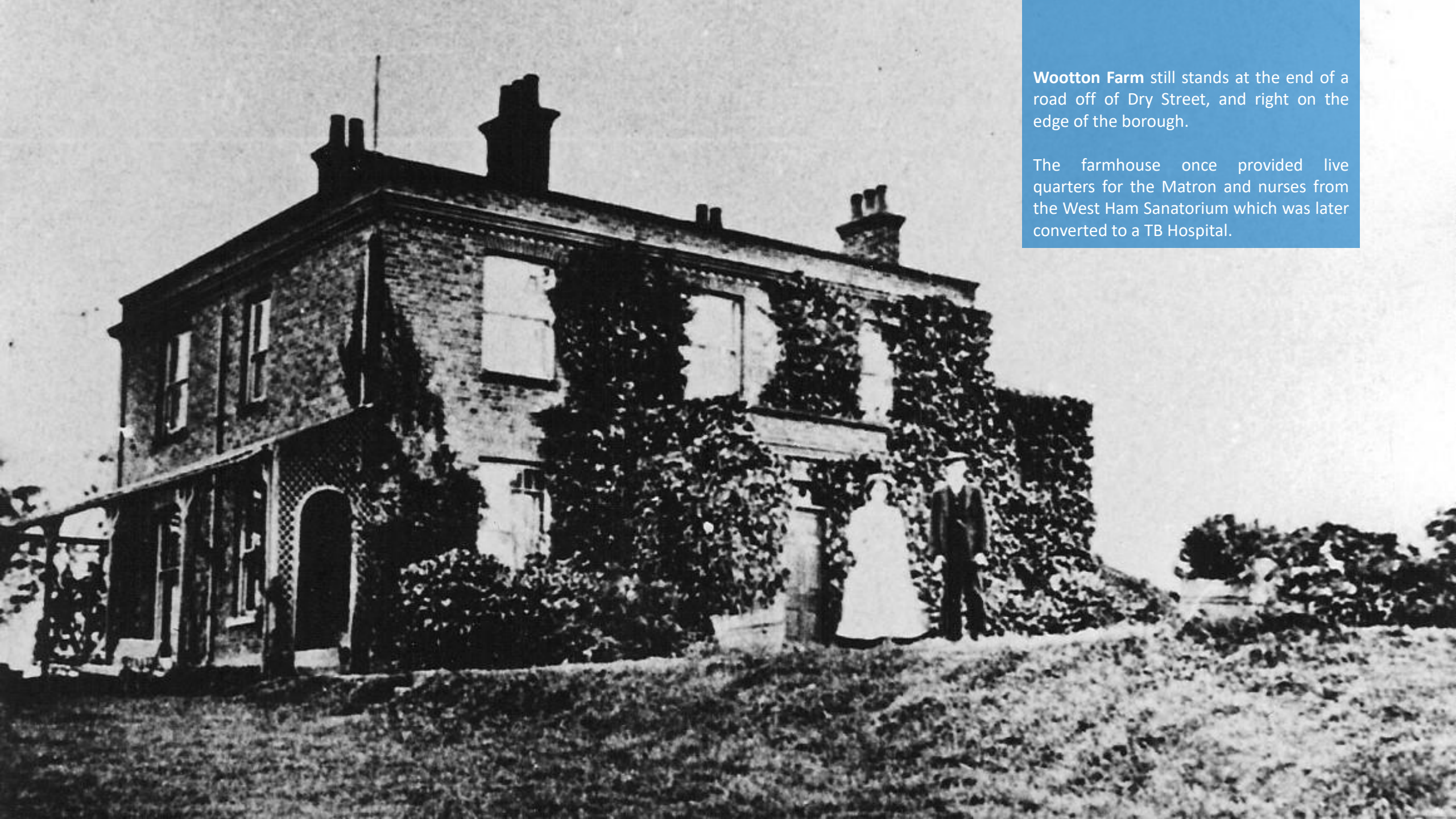


Arlesford Gardens, on the Wick Estate, in Wickford is roughly the site on which the 17th Century **Wick Farm** once stood.

During the 1970's the farmhouse had sat empty for some time so was boarded up to prevent vandalism, but in 1974 the building was destroyed by fire.



Woolshots Farm, in Ramsden Bellhouse, still stands. It can be found on London Road, at its junction with Church Road.



Wootton Farm still stands at the end of a road off of Dry Street, and right on the edge of the borough.

The farmhouse once provided live quarters for the Matron and nurses from the West Ham Sanatorium which was later converted to a TB Hospital.