

**ESSEX HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD/ESSEX
ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY**

SUMMARY SHEET

Site name/Address:		Parsonage Farm, School Lane, Broomfield, Essex. CM1 7DS	
Parish:	Broomfield	District:	Chelmsford Borough Council
NGR:	TL 7035 0990	Site Code:	BROPF09
Type of Work:	Historic Analysis of Farmyard	Site Director/Team:	T E Watkin
Date of Work:	February 2009	Size of Area Investigated:	c1500 sq.metres
Location of Finds/Curating Museum:	N/A	Funding source:	Owner
Further Seasons Anticipated?:	No	Related EHER No.s:	None
Final Report:	Yes		
Periods Represented:	Seventeenth to twentieth centuries.		
SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS:			
<p>This farmyard to the west of the present development of Broomfield has much more his - toric interest than architectural interest. Until the present owner it has had only two others since the dissolution of the monasteries. Richard Lord Riche used it to fund the School and Almshouses at Felsted as well as providing for the upkeep of the chancel of Broom - field church with a stipend to the rector. It was under lease until being purchased by the Marriage family in the 1920's. The buildings have all been rebuilt within the leasing period. The barn possibly from the late seventeenth century is a rebuild using much earlier timber from what appears to be a barn of similar size from the fifteenth century. The barn roof collapsed in 2006 and only some loose timbers survive, enough to show that it was of side purlin construction. It is special in that it has variable bay sizes possibly depicting the crop allowance to be kept for Felsted. It had much repair work in the nineteenth century. The two main brick buildings on the site were possibly first built as service buildings to the house and have seen much change since construction in the first half of the eighteenth century. They have good surviving stable fittings and a Tack room with fireplace. A nine - teenth century brick range to the north has a granary and a Goose yard brick surfaced to a large pond. Beyond the southern building is a nineteenth century cart lodge linking to a timberframed cowhouse also of the nineteenth century. To the west of the site are shelter sheds from the nineteenth century and a modern timberframed building.</p>			
Previous Summaries/Reports:	None		
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