

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

SUMMARY SHEET

Site name/Address: Summers Hall, Blackmore End, Braintree, Essex. CM7 4DR	
Parish: Wethersfield	District: Braintree
NGR: TL 7410 3030	Site Code: WFSH 10
Type of Work: Historic Analysis	Site Director/Team: T E Watkin
Date of Work: Jan. & July 2010	Size of Area Investigated:
Location of Finds/Curating Museum: N/A	Funding source: Owner
Further Seasons Anticipated?: No	Related EHER No.s: 28256
Final Report: Yes	
Periods Represented: C15 to C20	
<p>SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS: This report follows on from a measured frame survey & analysis of the East Barn at Summers Hall Farm prior to an application to convert to domestic use. It now covers the barn with the adjoining stable building & shelter sheds. The barn is a seventeenth century building that is a rebuild of a fifteenth century barn & using many of the original components but not all in their original positions. The Queen strut roof is new to the rebuild & not enough evidence was left to ascertain an earlier roof design. It is now covered with corrugated iron. The barn has an inserted brick plinth from the late eighteenth century to varying heights around the building. This work was most likely at the time that the attached brick stable building and open shelter was added towards the end of the century or even into the early nineteenth century. It had lost all fittings other than some harness hooks and its last use was as a loose box. The open shelter to the north also provided direct access to the roadway through double doors in the brick wall. This range was roofed in slate over a very simple timber roof structure using mainly reused timber. In the second half of the nineteenth century another range of shelter sheds and stores was added to the west of the open section running north south and forming a yard between it and the barn. This range was built to a slightly lower height than the earlier range but with a similar roof construction. All these roofs had been repaired and reset in the twentieth century. In all a very typical set of late buildings with little historic merit other than demonstrating the changing farming scene in the nineteenth century.</p>	
Previous Summaries/Reports: None	
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