

SAXON WARRIOR'S GRAVE.

Robert Aitken papers.

Relating to tracing of the 6in 1897 O.S. map No XXXIX found with the Aitken Papers in the Rectory Balck Box. Implied date 1948.

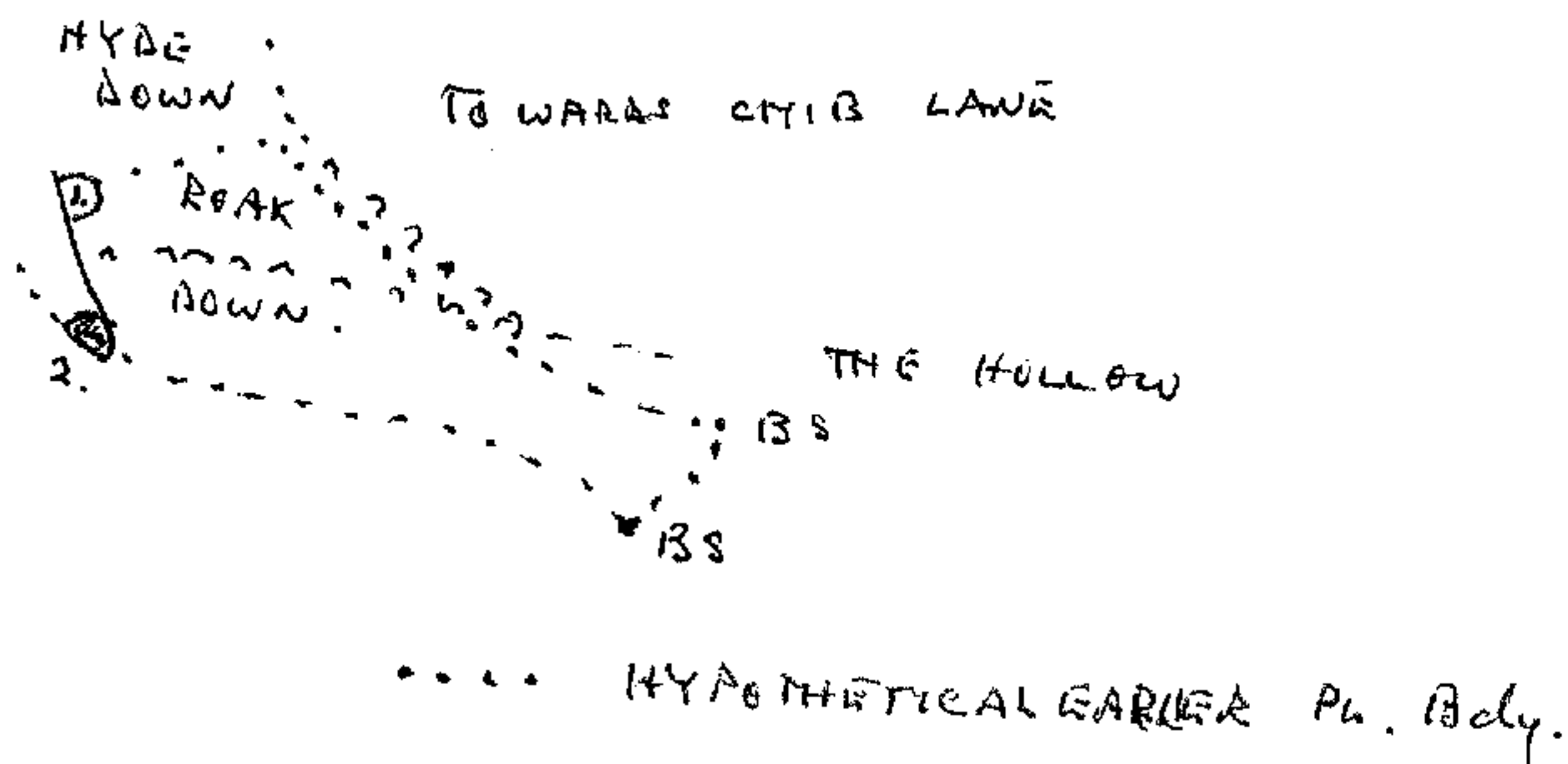
About 1868 - 80 years ago - old Mr. Tom Beauchamp who worked for Mr. Charles Stone of Roak Farm was ploughing the field on the north side of the Hollow at its upper end, near the Romsey Road, on Broughton Hill, when the plough turned up a skull. He told Mr. Stone who went to the spot, and within six inches of the surface dug up the complete skeleton of a man who had been buried there. This man was a Saxon who lived about 1400 years ago. On his left side were found a spear, a knife, and the iron boss of a shield - the leather part had decayed away. The skeleton and all that was found with it were taken to Salisbury Museum where you can see it. The man had been tall and strong, his bones are very sound still after lying hundreds of years in the ground, the skull is very thick.

PIMPLES CORNER - at the cross-roads where in 1770 a domestic servant Priscilla [?] Parcks, nicknamed 'Pimples' was buried after taking her life by poison.

PARISH BOUNDARY - The Headland narrows to c.10 yards towards the Hollow. The narrowing is shewn very distinctly on the Plan of the New Allotments by Kemp (1790), but the scale is too small (6.6" to 1 mile) for useful measurements to be made. [See sketch map below.]

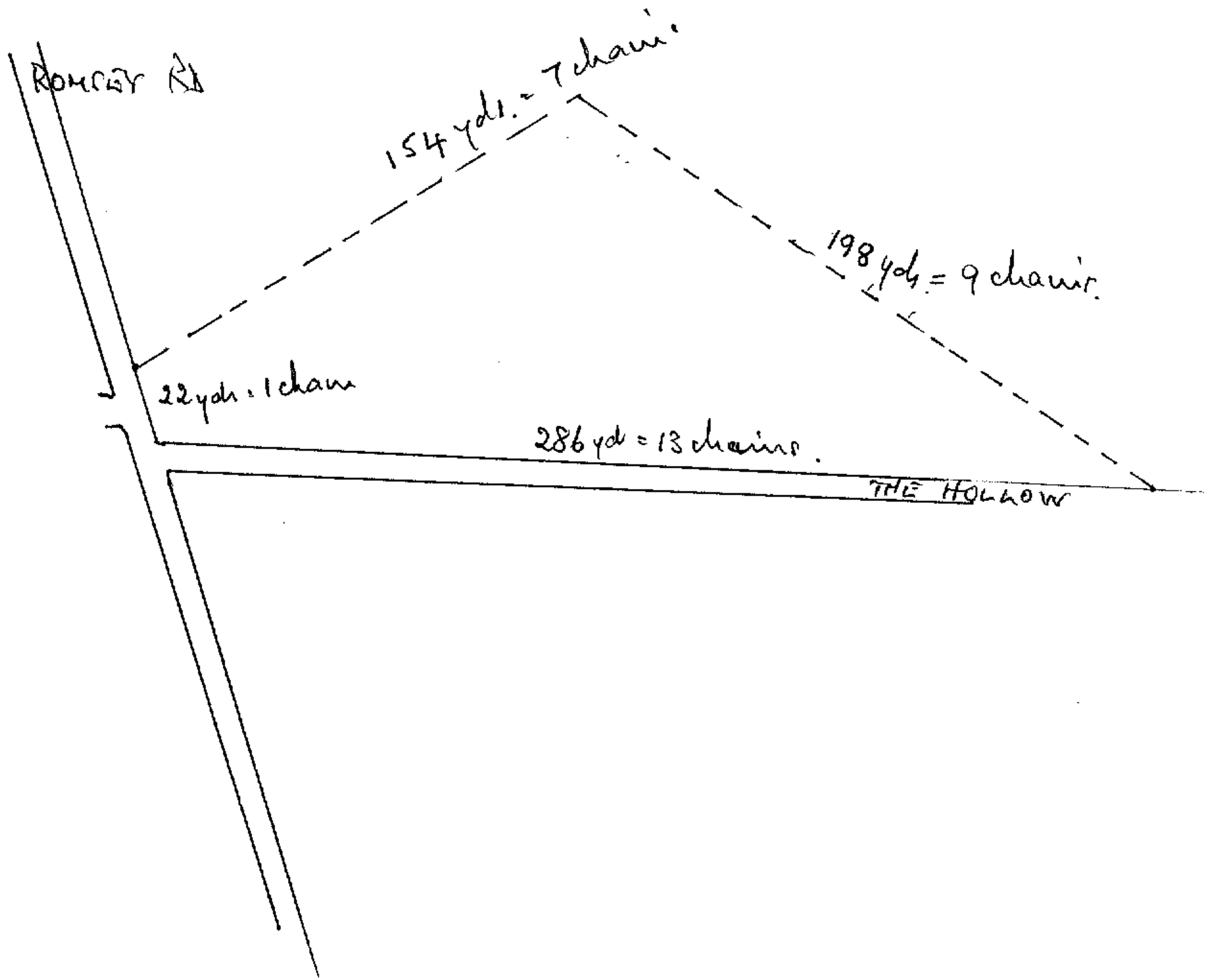
(On the map) 1. The headland of the text, shewn in vermilion.

2. The strip shewn in vermilion was like the headland, part of the disputed Hyde Down. So was the ground of the present clump, of course, which I have left blank.

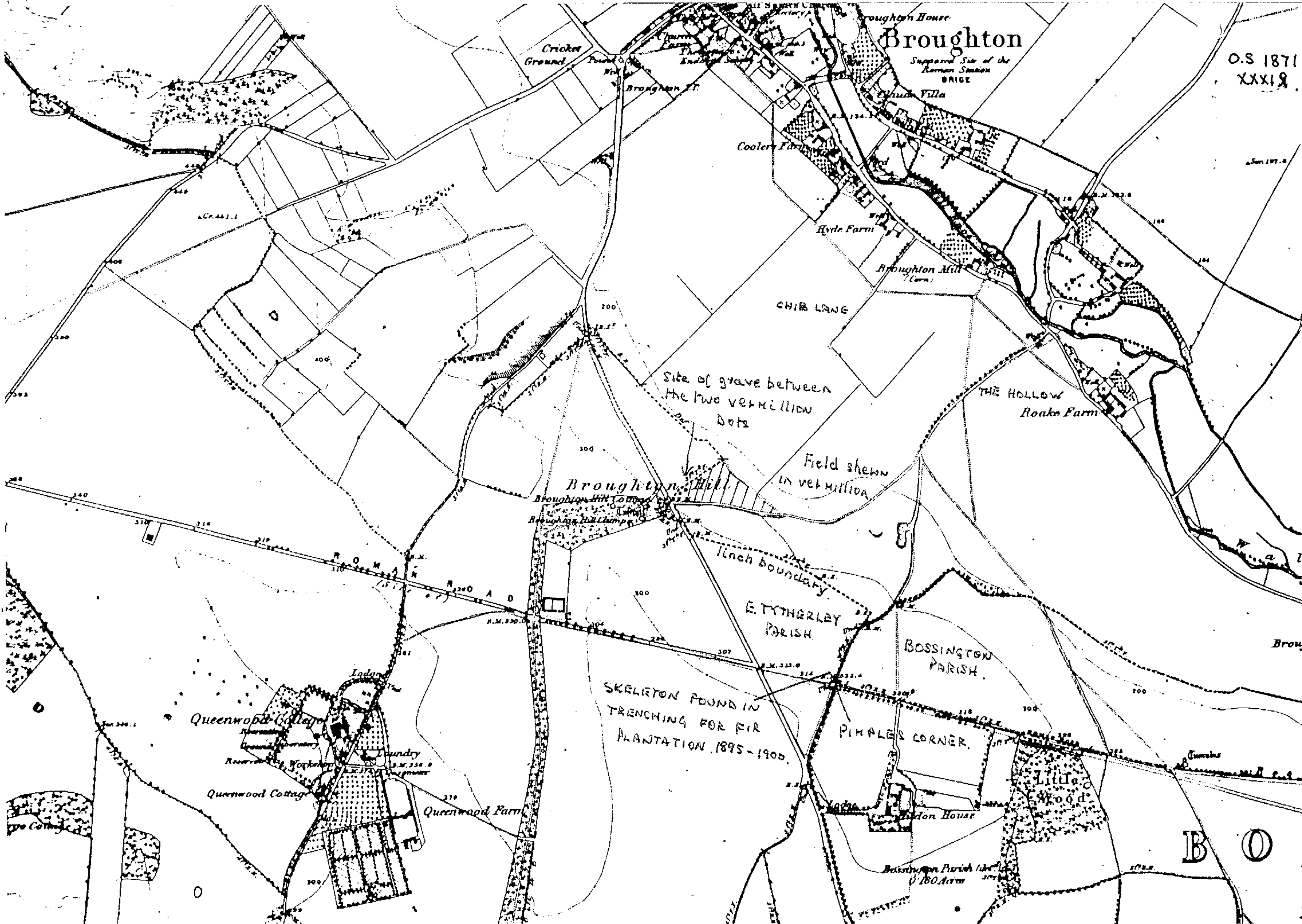


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