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John Olmested/Holmested was of an ancient family in the parish of Bumpsted-Helion. He was Master of the Horse to the Earl of Oxford at Castle Hedingham. His daughter and heir Agnes brought this estate into marriage to Thomas **French** [see page 256]

HALSTED, HENCKFORD HUNDRED [Page 256]

Thomas **French** of Halstead, who lived at Stansted-Hall. His son - Thomas, by indenture date 1-Nov-1620, for the sum of 3,500l sold the premisses to Sir Oliver Luke, Sir Robert Cook, Sir Henry Maxey, And Nicholas Spencer, and their heirs.

BIRDBROOK, HINCKFORD HUNDRED [Page 346]

Thomas **French**, whose son Thomas French, that dyed 25-May-1629, held the site of the maner of Hersted Hall (Harsted-Hall, alias Hastings Hall), and Bardfield, Meadow-field, Herstead-hall wood, and Lavenhama in Birdbrook. - Richard, his son, was - then aged upwards of 20 years.

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BUMPSTED-STEPLE, HINICKFORD HUNDRED [Page 349]

... Haydon [After 1603. Before 1630?] reserved the site of the maner of Wantons [or Walstons?], and part of the demesnes, which is afterwards sold to Richard and Thomas French: and the latter sold them to Edward Symonds Esq ...

FELSTED, HENICKFORD HUNDRED [Page 417]

The maner of Frenches, is so called from a family of note that flourished in the reigns of these first Edwards, Kings of England [see R]. The maner-house is situated in Felsted on the great common, and is now called Frenches at the Fairy, near the Windmill, where the court was formerly held in the gravel pit. It centred, like the rest, in the Rich family. For, Robert Lord Rich, son and heir of Richard first Lord Riche, held the maner of Frenches, and divers lands amd tenements in Felsted ... [see R]

GREAT BARDSFIELD, FROSHWELL [FRESHWELL] HALF-HUNDRED [Page 520]

Thomas **French** [see page 256] held this maner (The maner of Pitley, otherwise called Pitsea, Pitsey and Packley) and divers other lands in Great Berdfield, in King James the first' reign.

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John **French**, chaplain, and John **French**, clerk, had license in 1369 and 1373, to give lands in the parish to the Priory of Lees. Ingris 43 & 47 Edw III

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Ingris 6 leave December 23 [Does "Ingris" (sic?) mean "English" - cf Inglis... Google hint]