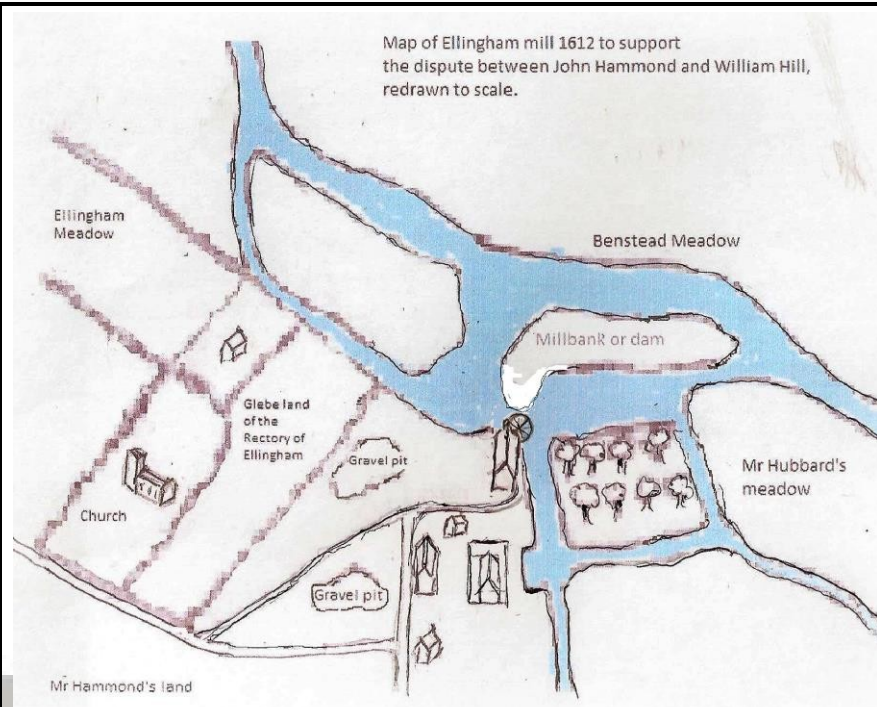


1612



Map of Ellingham mill 1612 to support the dispute between John Hammond and William Hill, redrawn to scale.

In suit of Amos Thomas Hacon against Thomas Catelyn, as to the manor of Stockton cum Soca, whether a piece of ground called Leete Hill (previously called Thurboro' Hill), and a tenement called Cottells in Kirby Came, Stockton, and Ellingham, are common of pasture, and to what manor belonging. Free warren in the manor.

John Hammond, aged 46 years, brought a complaint against William Hill who had copyhold (under the Manor of Stockton) of Ellingham Mill. He said that the Mill, Mill House and dam had been allowed to become very ruinous and in great decay; new building was needful and estimated at £100.

The Hammond family seem to have been very wealthy. In 1621, Richard Hammond of Ellingham is described as being "an ancient bachelor and worth £40,000" – a phenomenal sum for the period!

