

Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely – Vice-county 29

The Boundary of the Recording Area

Two sets of maps have been prepared:

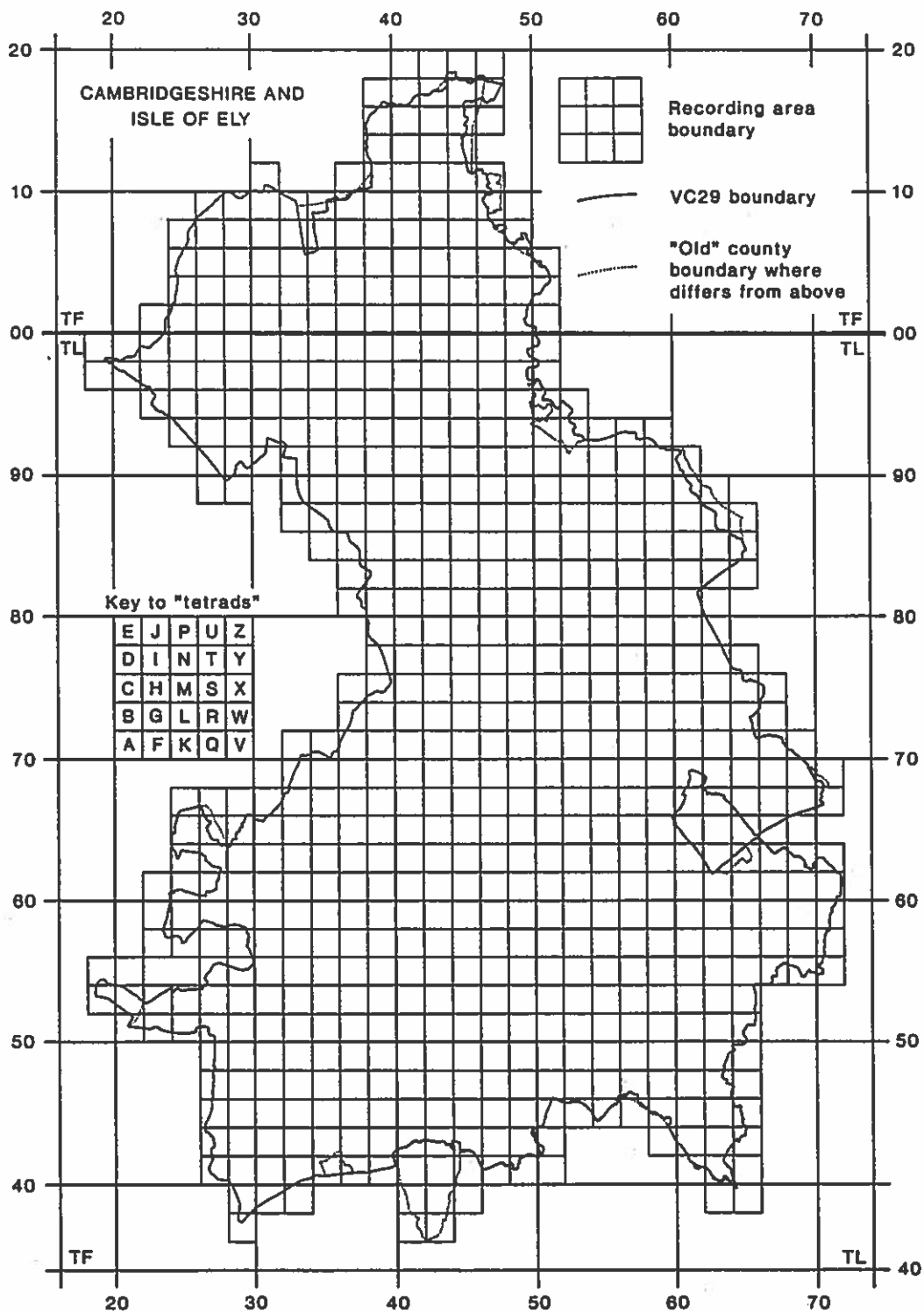
1. The vice-county boundary and the old administrative boundary
2. The 1 Km square recording area boundary.

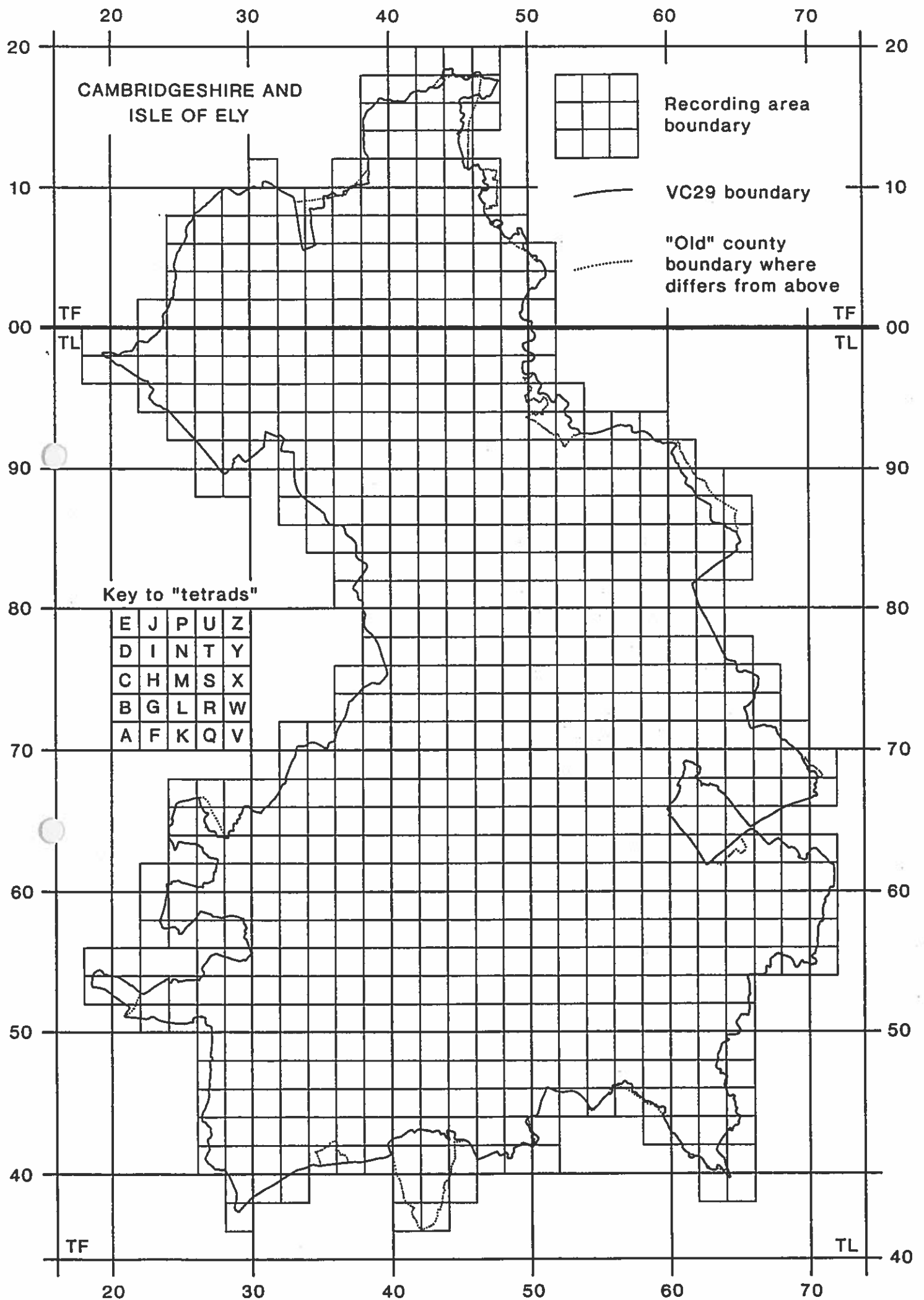
two These ~~2~~ maps are based on the maps published in *A Checklist of the Flora of Cambridgeshire* (1983) by G.Crompton & H.L.K.Whitehouse. In this book the exact boundary of vice-county 29 was published for the first time. The methods used to determine the accuracy of the boundary were described on p.80, and maps showing where the administrative and vice-county boundaries diverge were printed on pages 81-92. It is these maps, which with the permission of the authors, are shown on the following pages.

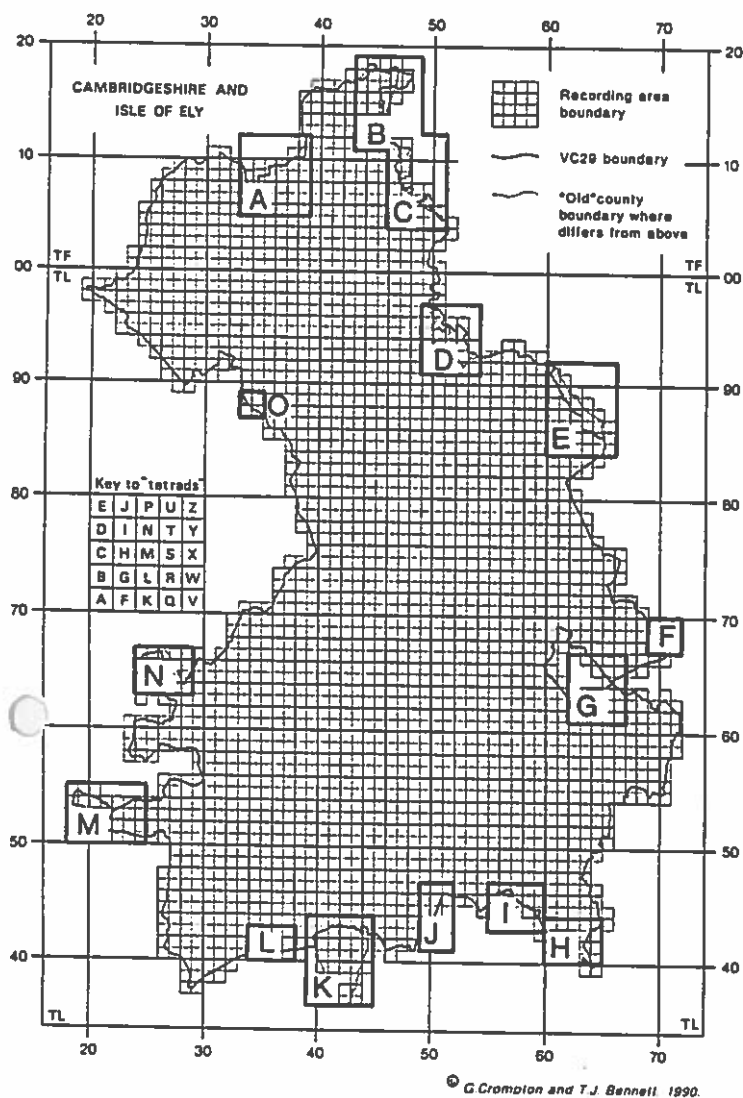
Since the Biological Records Centre at Monks Wood continues to classify all records on a vice-county basis, maps 1 and 2 have been redrawn on a larger scale and are published by us so that they can be used for recording all biota on a 1 Km, 10 Km, tetrad and vice-county basis. We are greatly indebted to Ian Agnew for the careful way that he has compiled these maps from the detailed information recorded by Jim Bevan on a set of O.S. 1:25,000 maps.

The boundary of the recording area takes in v.c. 29 and modern Cambridgeshire, without pre-1965 Huntingdonshire and the Soke of Peterborough, the latter, formerly in Northamptonshire, was annexed to Huntingdonshire in 1965, together with the parish of Thorney from Cambridgeshire. It appears therefore that in the long history of county boundaries, Thorney has only been "out" of the administrative county for 9 years, while of course always being within in the vice-county.

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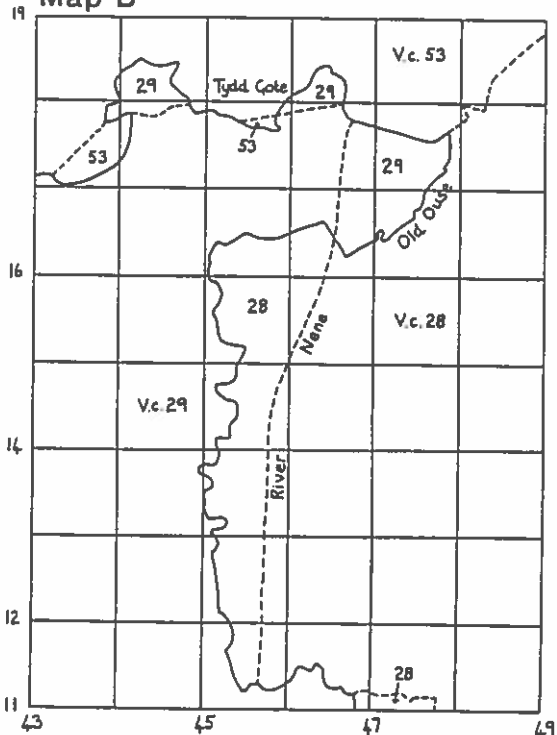






For places where the Vice-County boundary is not identical with the old county boundary see the following maps.

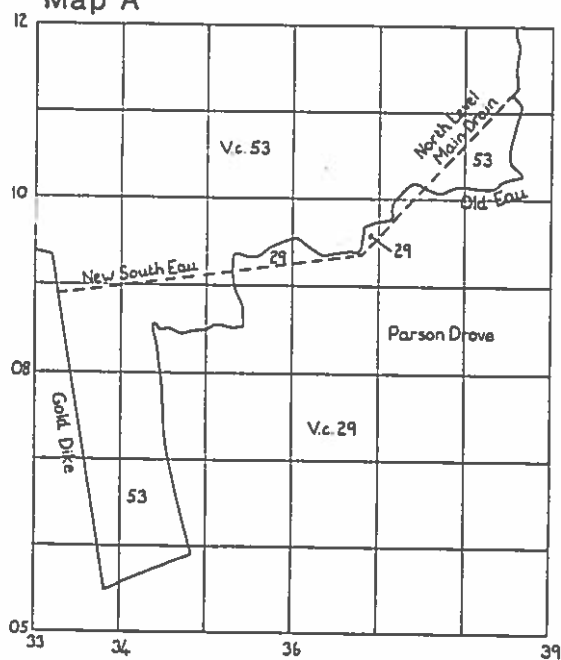
Map B



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At Wisbech, New and Old Walsoken, Cambs are in V.c.28, and a large area west of the R. Nene, up to Silverwood Farm, is also in V.c.28. Near Foul Anchor, Wisbech Sewage Farm in Walpole, Norfolk, is in V.c.29, the V.c. boundaries following the original course of the Ouse. West of Foul Anchor the V.c. boundaries of 29 & 53 follow the old course of the R. Nene.

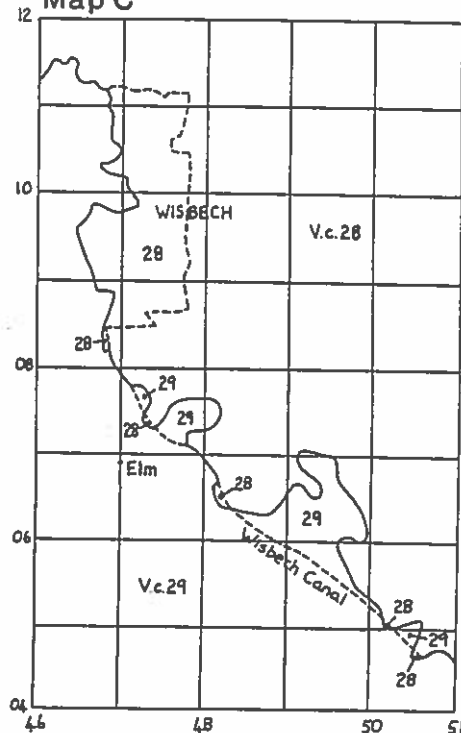
Map A



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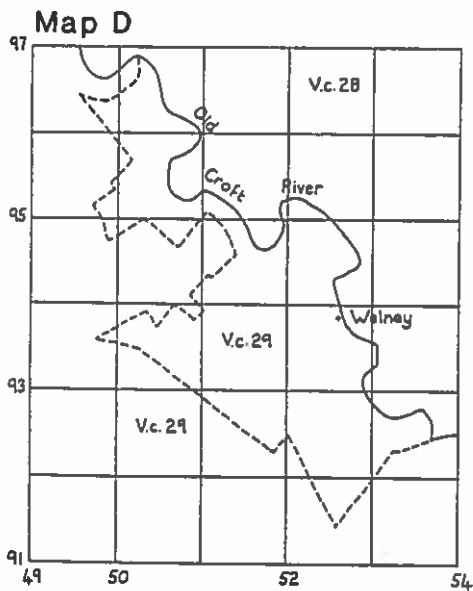
The whole of the ancient common belonging to Sutton - St Edmund's Common, is in V.c.53; it came into Cambridgeshire only in 1934. The common lies south of the old South Eau Bank and its western boundary, the Gold Dike, was cut in 1248 as a result of a dispute between the Bishop of Ely and the inhabitants of Long Sutton in Lincolnshire. East of St Edmunds Common the V.c. boundary again follows the line of the old South Eau Bank and cuts across the county boundary along the straight New South Eau and North Level Main Drain, as far as Harold's Bridge.

Map C

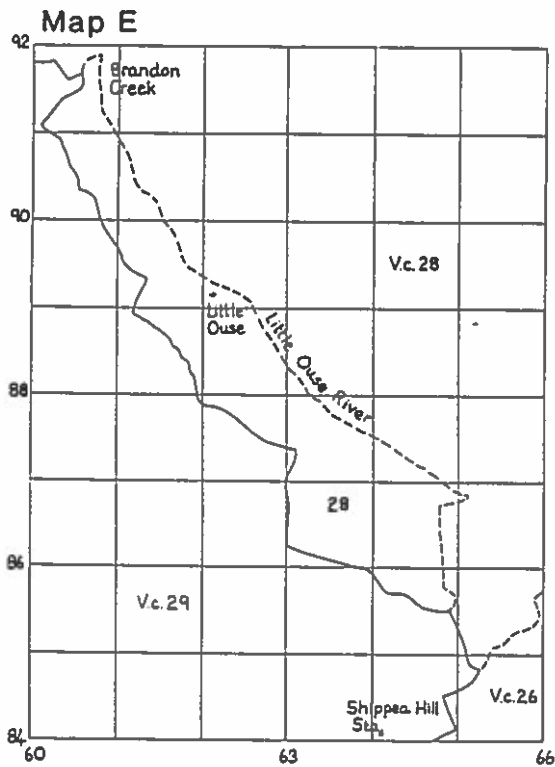


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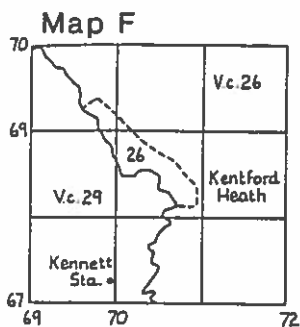
From Outwell Basin to Wisbech the V.c. boundaries of 29 and 28 follow the Old Eau which cuts across the county boundary along the Wisbech Canal.



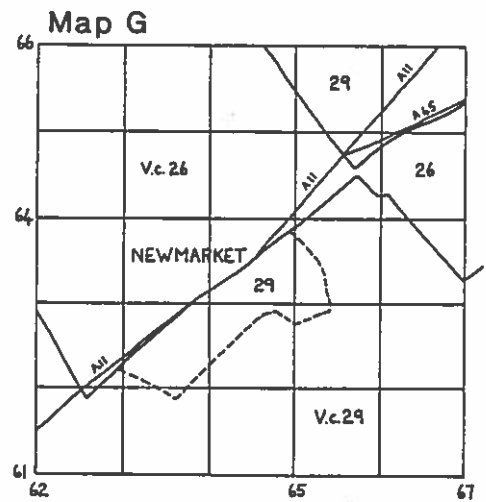
52/49 From Christchurch to the Suspension Bridge near Welney, a large
52/59 area of Norfolk is in V.c.29 (between an old parish boundary and the
Old Croft River).



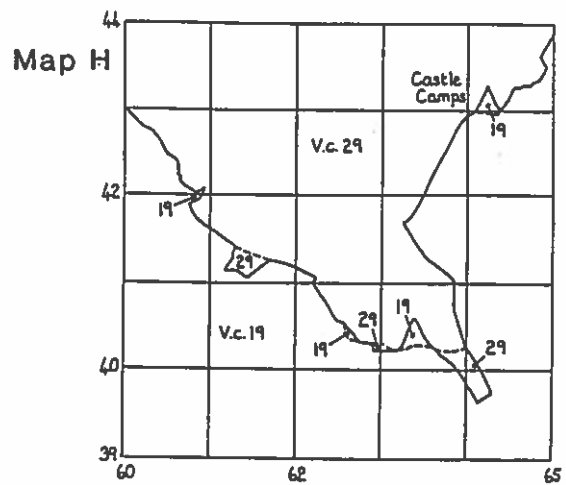
52/68 S.E. of Brandon Creek the county boundary is along the Lt Ouse
52/69 River, but the V.c. boundary is considerably S.W. of the river. A large
area of Cambs, including the hamlet of Lt Ouse, is thus in V.c.28.



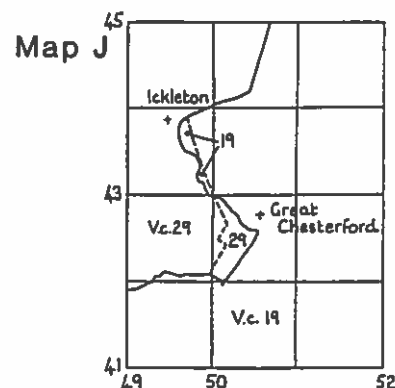
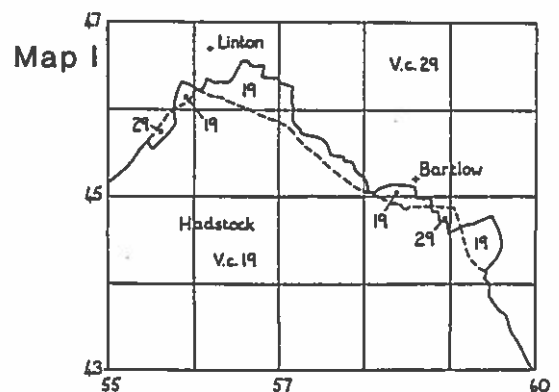
52/66 Between Kennett and Kentford the V.c.29 boundary is along the
52/76 R. Kennett with the result that a small but very interesting area near
Kentford Heath, although now in Cambs is in V.c.26.



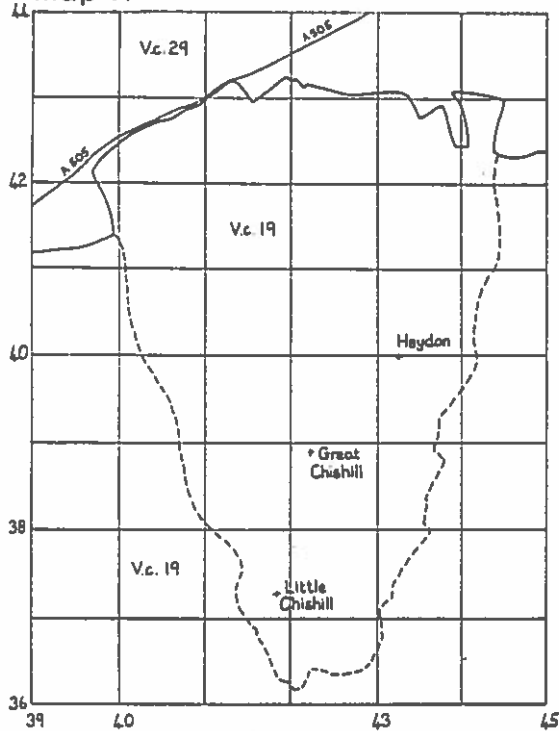
52/66 At Newmarket the V.c. boundary follows the A.11 to the Clock Tower
and then continues a little N.E. of the A.11 to join the county
boundary along Long Hill, thus the town was divided between the two
counties with the Parish of All Saints lying in Cambs.



52/44 At G1 Chesterford, Linton, Bartlow and Castle Camps, numerous
52/54 small re-alignments were made at the last boundary revision. From
52/63 Castle Camps to Bartlow the boundary has been straightened at four
52/64 places. From Bartlow to Linton the boundary now follows the railway
line instead of the winding R. Granta.

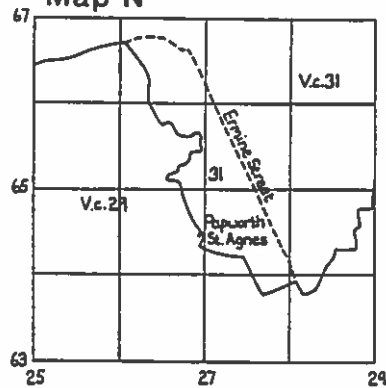


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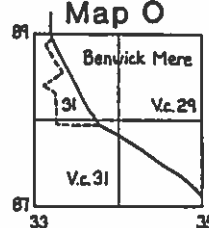
- 52/43 All of this square in Cambs. (Gt & Lt Chishill) is in V.c.19.
 52/44 All of the parish of Heydon, Cambs is also in V.c.19. All 3 parishes were in Essex until 1895 so older records will be found in Essex Floras.

Map N



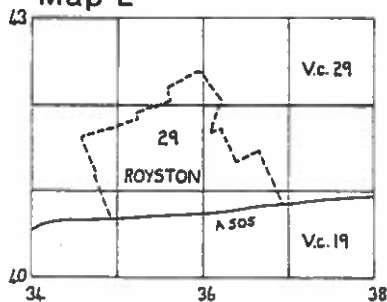
- 52/26 Lattenbury Hill and the east side of Papworth St Agnes, Cambs are in V.c.31. (---shows the pre-1974 county boundary.)

Map O



- 52/38 Near Benwick Mere the boundary was undefined and disputed. The O.S. maps show the old county boundary along the straight line of the V.c. boundary, while C.C.C. show the indented line which has now become the boundary of the new Fenland District.

Map L



- 52/34 Royston, Herts, north of the A.505 is in V.c.29, including the railway station.

KEY

- = Vice-county boundary
 - - - = 1974 Administrative County boundary, (on west side, adjacent to V.c.31 and 32, District Council boundary).

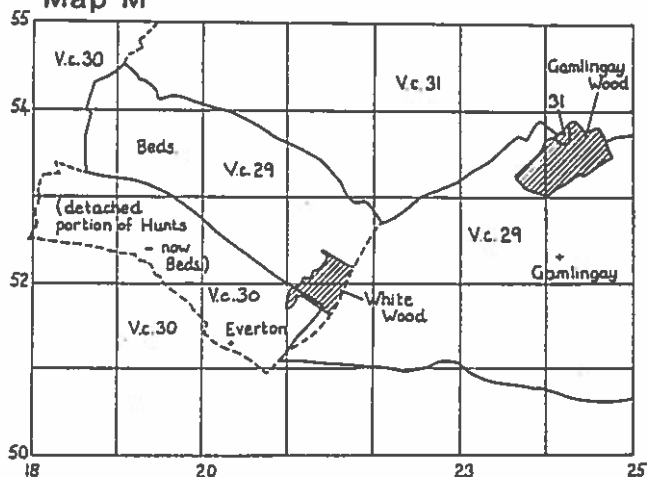
SCALE

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Vice-county

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|-------------------|--|
| 19 North Essex | 30 Bedfordshire |
| 20 Hertfordshire | 31 Huntingdonshire |
| 26 West Suffolk | 32 Northamptonshire (and Soke of Peterborough) |
| 28 West Norfolk | 33 South Lincolnshire |
| 29 Cambridgeshire | |

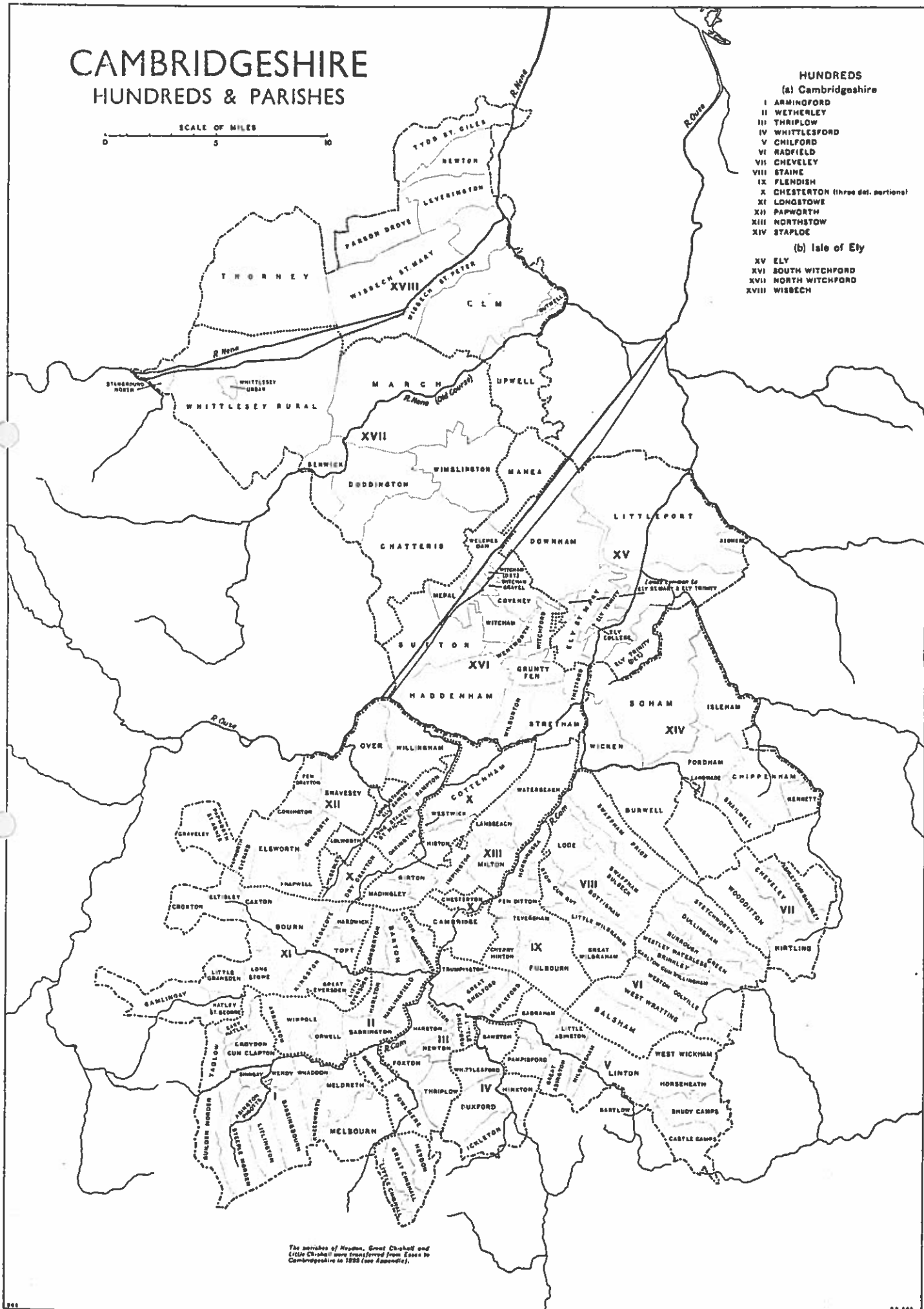
Map M



- 52/15 All of this square which is in V.c.29, is in Beds. (Woodbury Lodge Farm area.)
 52/25 Most of White Wood, and Woodbury Park, Beds are in V.c.29 but a small part of White Wood is in V.c.30.
 A small part of Gamlingay Wood is in V.c.31.

A horizontal line with tick marks at intervals of 1 mile. The numbers 0, 5, and 10 are written below the line. The text "SCALE OF MILES" is written above the line.

- (b) Isle of Ely
- XV ELY
XVI SOUTH WITCHFORD
XVII NORTH WITCHFORD
XVIII WISBECH



The parishes of Haddon, Great Chishall and Little Chishall were transferred from Essex to Cambridgeshire in 1893 (see Appendix).