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It is not actually exercised, because the other occupiers of lands in the open field buy exemption. The farmers would be glad to consolidate their holdings and enclose, but the Ecclesiastical Commissioners effectually discourage this, as I was told, by exorbitant demands for increase of rent. The same eagerness to own land which Arthur Young noticed has also continued to prevail.

Common Theft

Hole Rush No 6, near the Parish. The land in question covers the lower slopes of the chalk hill, the higher portion of which is Merrow Down; beneath it is Clandon Park, the seat of Lord Onslow.

Commoners: Common Right, Enclosure and Social Change in England, 1700

In 1845, another General Inclosure Act instituted the appointment of Inclosure Commissioners, who could enclose land without submitting a request to Parliament. Enclosed lands normally could demand higher rents than unenclosed, and thus landlords had an economic stake in enclosure, even if they did not intend to farm the land directly. Hence by enclosure collective use, usually accompanied by some degree of community of ownership, of the piece of land enclosed, is abolished, and superseded by individual ownership and separate occupation.

The Decline of the Small Landowner in Eighteenth

But they have here, by a custom, a right of inclosure which is singular; every man that pleases may enclose his own open field land notwithstanding the rights of common upon it while open; and accordingly many do it when, by purchase, they get five or six acres together, of which I saw many examples.

EXPROPRIATION OF THE ENGLISH PEASANTRY IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY, Economic History Review

The smallest of the others had 42 a. The Journal of Economic History. Tudor Enclosures oft reprinted ed.

The Enclosure Acts and the Industrial Revolution

There are but two farms; the wages paid are only 10 s. Hubert Hall, for assistance, encouragement, and advice; to many labourers, farmers, clergymen, and other rural residents, for information and personal kindness; to the Royal Geographical Society for defraying the cost of the production of the blocks of the illustrative maps herewith published; and to Earl Carrington, the President of the Board of Agriculture, for reading the book in proof, and recommending it to those who are willing to study rural history because they desire to improve rural conditions of life. It immediately took in hand the work of making an agricultural survey of Great Britain, county by county.

ENGLISH PEASANTRY, AND ENCLOSURE OF COMMON FIELDS (CLASSIC By Gilbert Slater NEW 9781330839898

Voluntary enclosure was also frequent at that time. Out of 5480 acres in the three parishes, 4800 were common-field arable, a heath claimed by both Barrowden and South Luffenham occupied 390 acres, and much of the remainder was commonable meadow and pasture.

Enclosures, Common Rights, and Women: The Proletarianization of Families in the Late Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Centuries on JSTOR

This book tells the story of the enclosure of Otmoor in Oxfordshire, where popular opposition to the enclosure was so great that demonstrations outside the churches prevented the landowners' men from affixing the notices to the church doors. Besides the very late survival of the common field system in these two manors, there are two other features which make them specially notable.

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