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APPENDIX B

Transcripts from Documentary Sources

This appendix is a collection of documentary evidence from primary sources used in the preparation of this report. It includes transcripts of material concerning the gardens and designed landscape from the Wittewronge papers consisting principally of memoranda and accounts, and also some relevant references found in published sources. Unless another source is given, sources are referenced by their number in the HALS Wittewronge archive, with preface D/Elw, ie. [F20] is from HALS ref. D/Elw F20. Entries are given in chronological order.

Memoranda, Descriptions and other references

From the Particulars of the manor and estate of Rothamsted c.1623
A prettie Courte before the house at the goeing in on the South being 30 yds square, and is paled about. Two little garden plotts lying on each side the Courte, one behind the house, on the North there is a dayrie house, a verie faire Pigeon or dovehouse, and a Well house, that goeth with a Wheele, wherein a dogg is putt, and draweth up the water. There is also a Moate that compasseth the back parte of the house, which Moate hath been verie badly used and is dryed upp and stopped in one or two places. On the North parte of the said Moate there is a prettie orchard, that is planted with young trees, and hath verie pleasant walks about the said orchard if they were well looked unto and ordered. There is a[lso] a yard on the East parte of the house whereon standeth two faire Barnes, two Stables, and a Shedd for two Horse. [E17, transcript from Boalch]

I had an Oake groweing in the Warren which I caused to bee felled when I began to repair my house at Rothamsted about Anno 1638 or 1639… [F20 – back page]

1649/50 Memorandum. There was burnt 184,000 of brick this year, 385 quarters of lime. [F23]

January 11th 1652 For my dearest Friend the Lady Katharon Wittewrong, … at Rothamsted
My dearest Love
I receaived thine by Tom, I am sorry thou art not well but doe hope it is noething but a could; I desire thou to be merry & make much of thy selfe; soe my absence will bee the less tedious; my occasioning here doe every day vary, & soe …: Humfrey [his Steward] … not to Stanton, but into Suffolk, to dispack something there, tending to our conclusion heere. My purpose was to see thee this weeke, but I have to deale with such slippery men, that if I come away I feare it may cost mee the more trouble, the next weeke. & therefore if thou canst excuse my coming downe untill then, I doe confidently believe all will bee by that time ended; Butt if thou shouldest not bee well & hast a disire to have mee come downe, send up John with the Horses for mee: I dined today at my fathers where they are all well, & remember them to thee; I had allmost forgott to thank thee for my cake it was exceeding good. & stands mee in grate stead for my breakfasts every morning, I have given Thomas Jones order to save two bundles of vine cuttings, which are layd in the earth in the orcharde, I would have them sent up by [Stepping?] on Friday next, which I desire thee to give