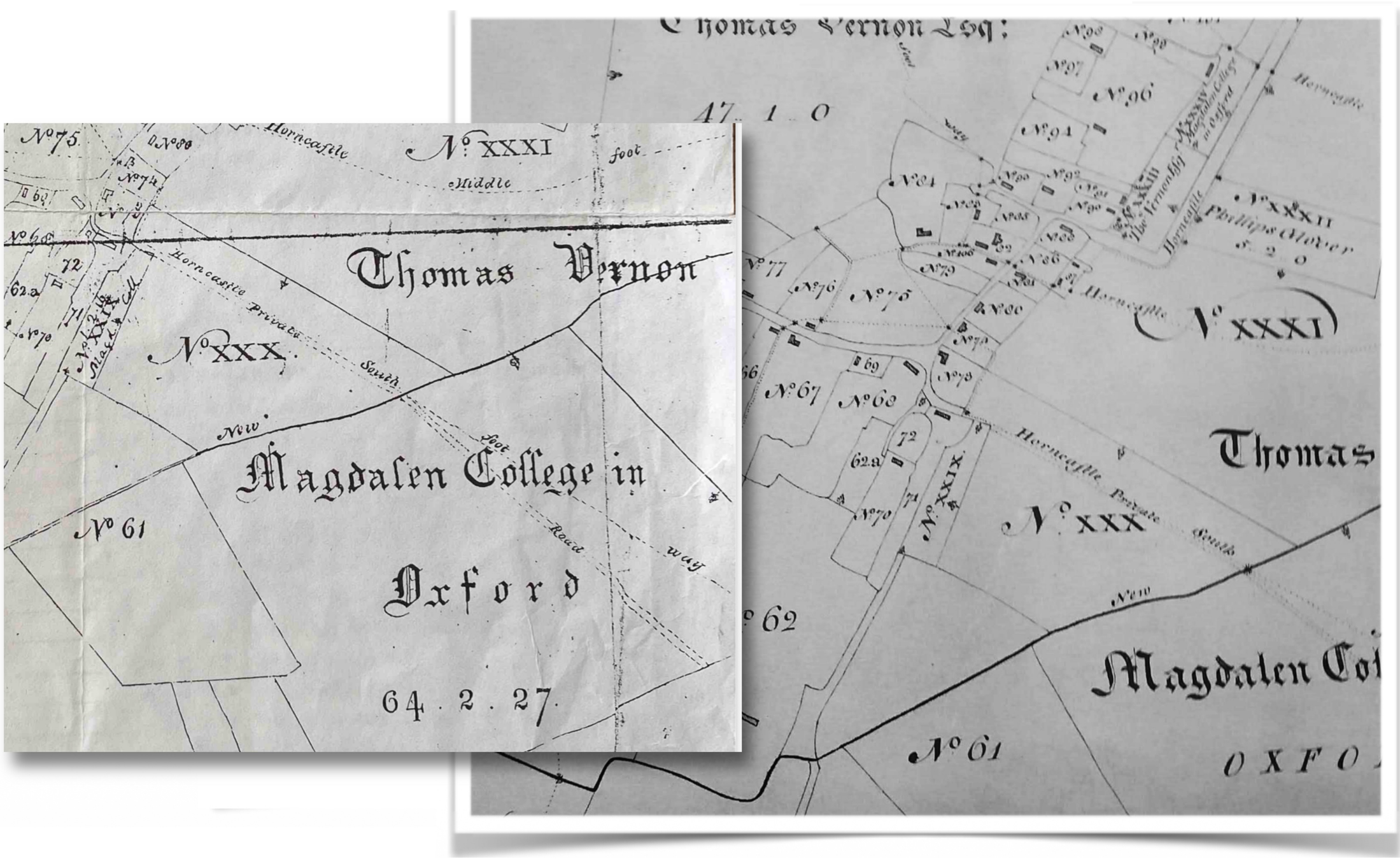
The story of an ancient route linking Horsington and Poolham Hall in the county of Lincolnshire.

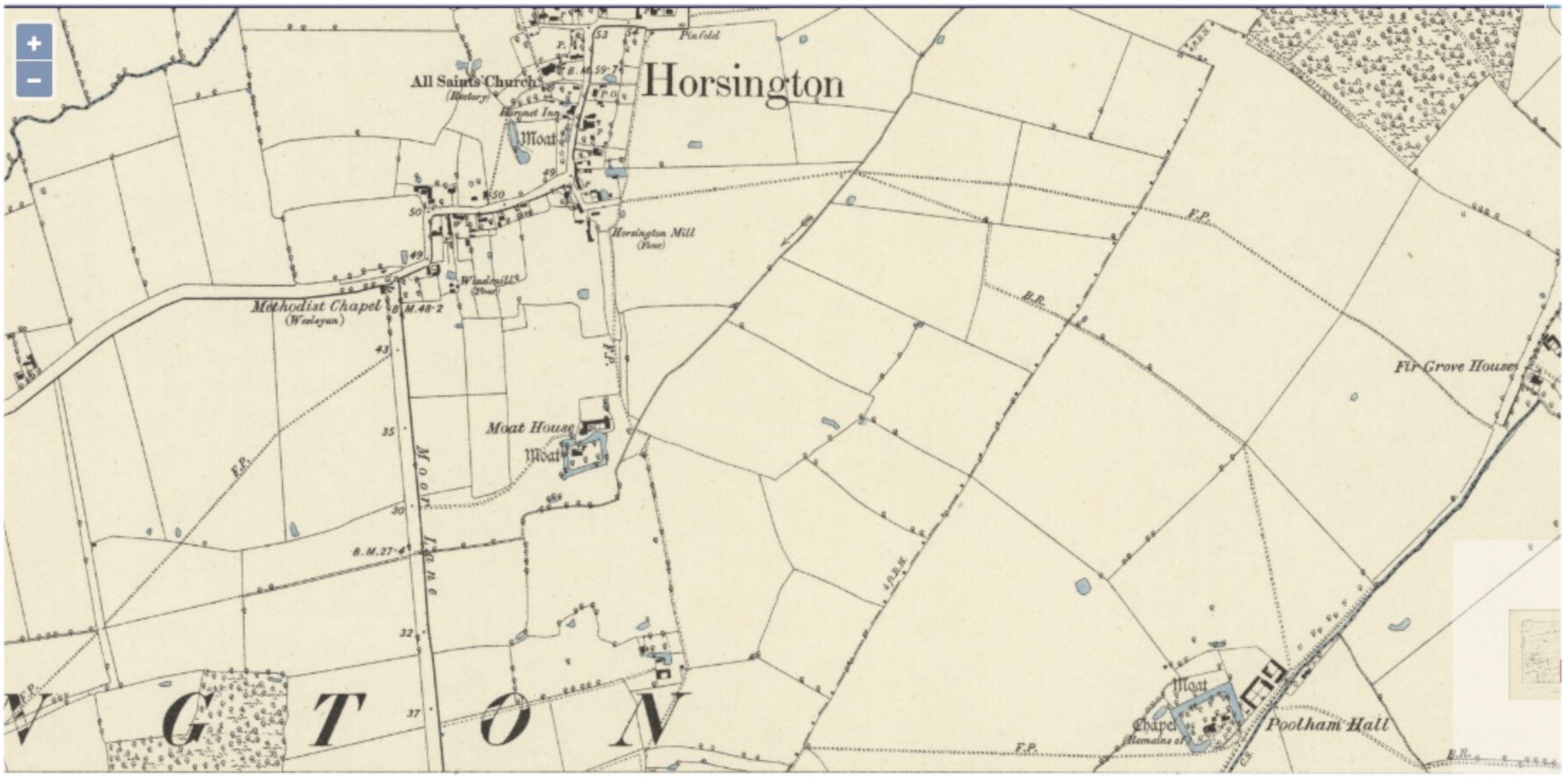
1775 Map (Source Lincolnshire Archives)

The route is shown eminating from below Manor Farm leading in the direction of Poolham Hall. The route is marked **"Private Road"**. Alongside is the **"Horncastle South Foot Way"** . Also note there is a “Horncastle Middle Foot Way” a “Bucknall North Foot Way” and a “Bucknall South Footway” shown on this 1775 map.



1887 Map *(Source National Library of Scotland Archive)*

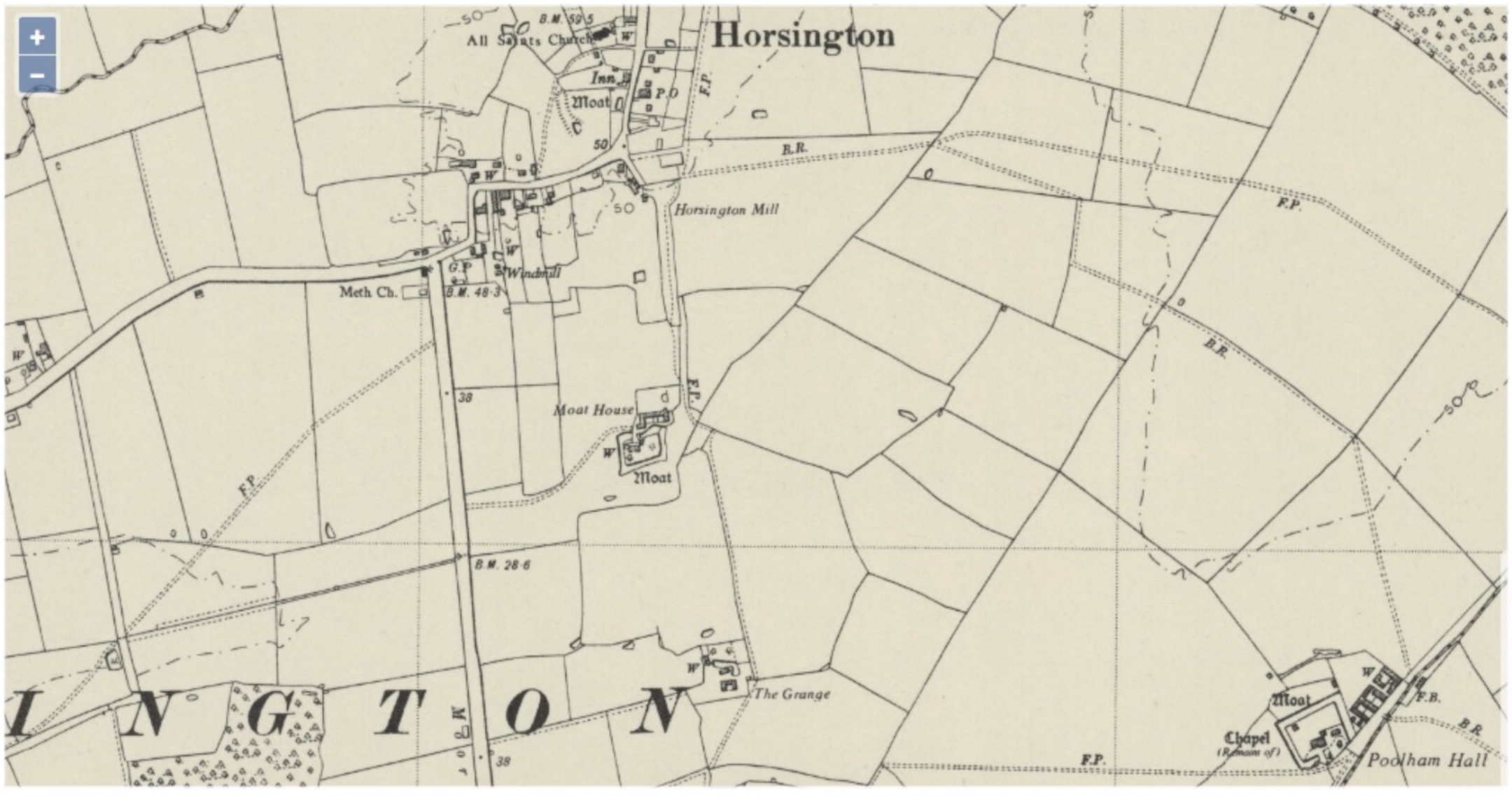
Following the 1835 act and onset of Ordanance Survey maps we can now see Footpaths (FP) and Bridal Roads (BR) marked. In the case of Horsington the 1775 **"Private Road"** and **"Horncastle South Foot Way"** markings have gone and been replaced by Footpaths and a Bridal Road. The Bridal Road does not correspond exactly to the old route, sharing the Footpath route at the beginning. However, its starting and finishing points remain inline with the old route.



1904 Map *(Source National Library of Scotland Archives)*
This map shows little difference from the 1887 map. The course of the Bridle Road and Footpaths remain the same. The layout of Manor Farm clearly shows the current entrance had not been constructed and that the Bridle Road and Footpath are shown in line with the course of the current Footpath.



1948 Map *(Source National Library of Scotland Archives)*
Following the 1932 Highways Act which significantly updated the 1835 act, the course of the Footpath and Bridle Road remain the same as the previous two maps. By 1948 the layout of Manor Farm has changed and the current access road has been made-up to join the B1190 on the bend. The old access road has become indistinct. The Bridle Road seems to end when it reaches the junction of the existing Footpath and a second Footpath coming down from the north. The start of the old road from the B1190 remains, serving as access to a storage yard and a dwelling, but only dog legs left as the Footpath.



Current OS Map *(Source Ordnance Survey)*
Today Manor Farm buildings are being converted into two dwellings and the curtilage is again being redrawn. Sometime between 1948 and 2020 the Bridle Road has disappeared. The course of it is now shown as a farm track. The Footpath(s) at the Horsington village end remain as 1948. Poolham Hall was demolished in 1971 but some farm buildings remain.

