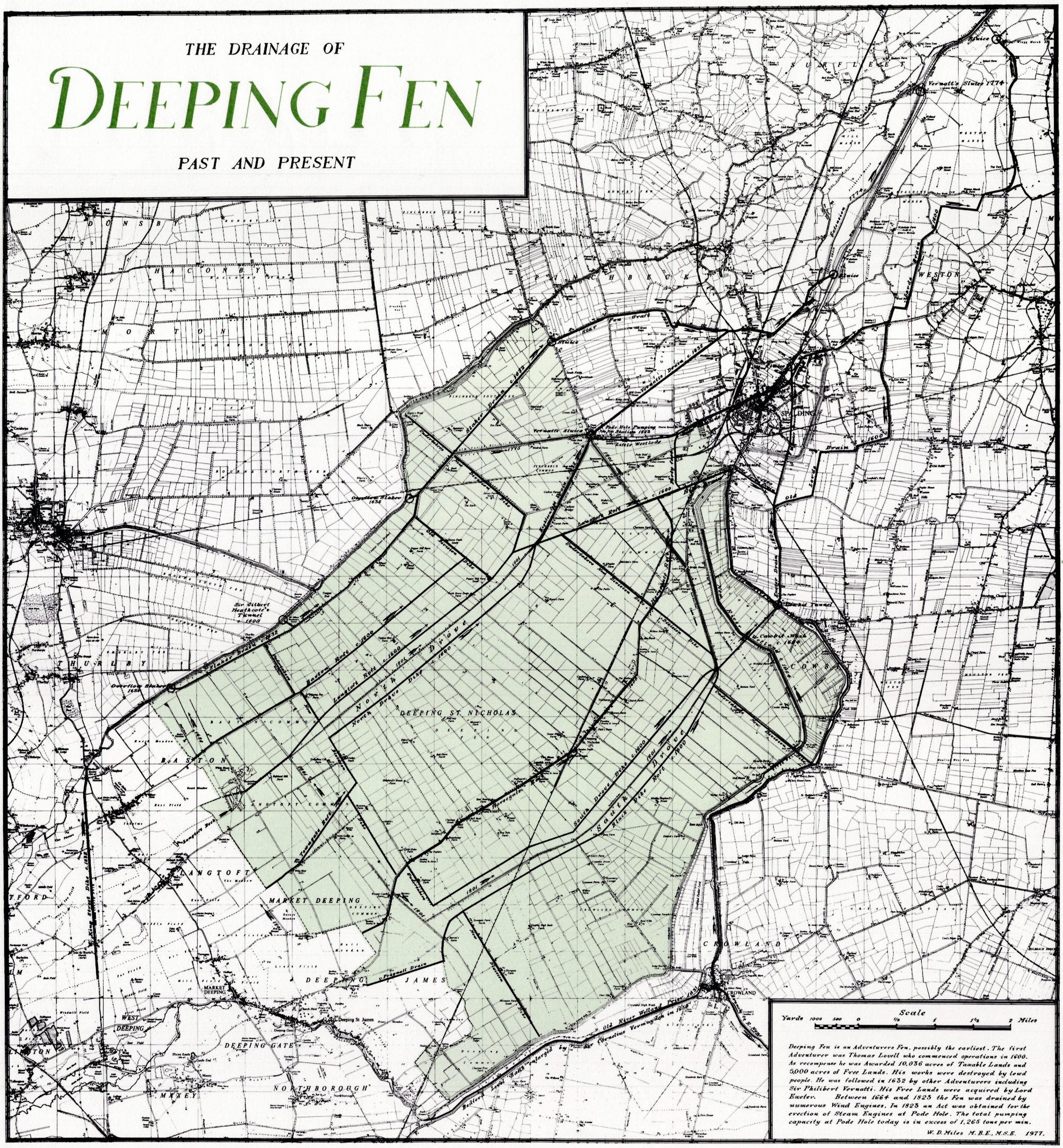
THE DRAINAGE OF

DEEPING FEN

PAST AND PRESENT



Deeping Fen is an Adventurers Fen, possibly the earliest. The first Adventurer was Thomas Lowell who commenced operations in 1600. As recompense he was Awarded 10,036 acres of Taxable Lands and 5,000 acres of Free Lands. His works were destroyed by lewd people. He was followed in 1632 by other Adventurers including Sir Philibert Vernatti. His Free Lands were acquired by Lord Exeter. Between 1664 and 1825 the Fen was drained by numerous Wind Engines. In 1825 an Act was obtained for the erection of Steam Engines at Pode Hole. The total pumping capacity at Pode Hole today is in excess of 1,265 tons per min.

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