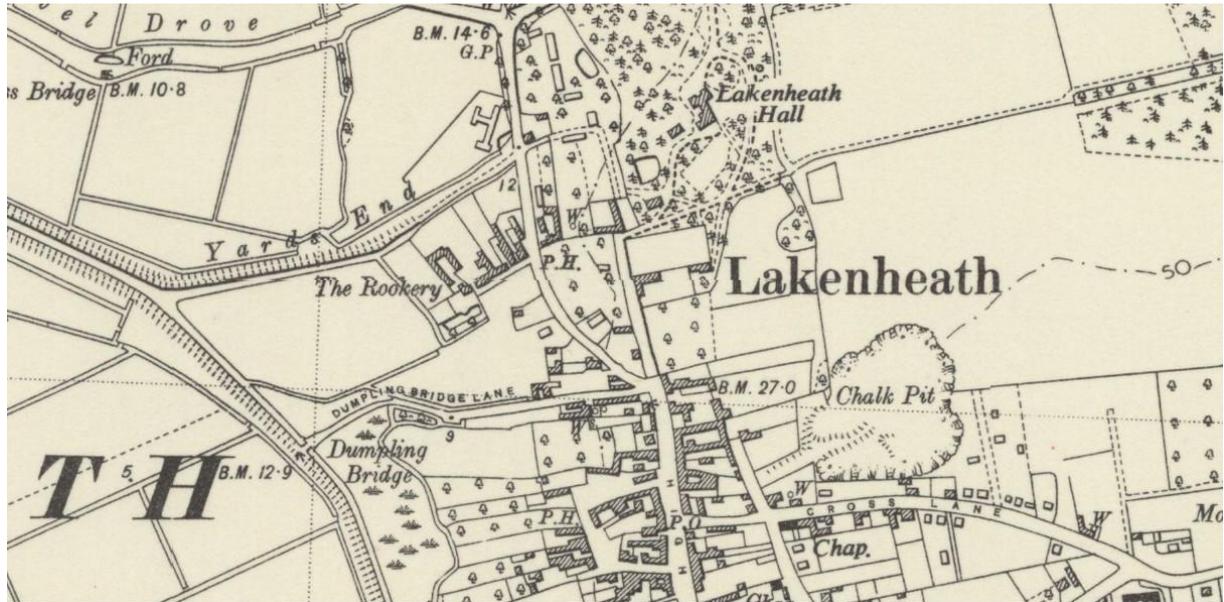


The Yards End spur existed at least as early as 1783 (Hodskinson's Map), suggesting that sand from the sandpits area in the north of the village may have been the reason for its development. It passed behind the Half Moon Inn, now a private house, and ended in a quay. In 1829 the Hockwold and Lakenheath Road was constructed, later becoming Station Road when the railway arrived in 1844-5.

Until the early 20th century sand continued to be dug from sandpits in the area and was carted to the Yards End quay to be loaded onto barges. No doubt sand was not the only cargo and incoming goods from Ely and Kings Lynn may also have arrived here.



Enlarged map of Yards End and the area occupied by the Half Moon.

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