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Chronology of Rothamsted under Sir John Wittewronge

1623	Map of estate, and description of manor house and surrounding area prepared for the sale to Anne Wittewronge.
1624	Sketch of manor house.
1638	Sir John Wittewronge begins to repair the house.
1639	Rothamsted passed to Sir John.
1642-3	Sir John in active service for Parliamentarians.
1647	Building works begun.
1648-49	Major payments for bricks and other building works. Mention of 'new Moate'.
1649	Payments for walling and buttressing, likely to be new garden walls. Oaks and Elms planted.
1650	Date of bell in clock tower.
1652	Ripe Grapes & Peaches.
1653	Last record of payments for bricks.
1654	Date in moulded brick on chimney stacks.
1654-58	Member of Parliament.
1658	Payment for stone balls.
1665/6	Memorandum concerning yews, pines and firs in 'new warren orchard'.
1666	Memorandum concerning measurement of garden.
1667	Marriage settlement of 'New Orchard and Plantation'.
1671	Planting 'French Chessnuts' in the orchard.
1674	Tree planting underway in 'ye Park'.
1683-88	'A Diary of Weather.'
1685/6	'Knott' removed, and paths edged with box.
1693	Death of Sir John Wittewronge.