

Map showing the positions of the boundary stones

because William Miller, the tenant of Valley Farm, Boyton had prevented the Thellusson Trustees' workmen working on banks near the boundary, claiming they were to keep 14 feet from the stones as the bank already there was his.

The stone previously on Spicer's Hill (he wrote 'mount') had been removed! The surviving correspondence, actually Johnson's drafts, does not reveal the conclusion, but 'Hill the Bankman', anxious to set his men to work in ten days, probably did complete the job he had been given. These were disputes over land that was virtually worthless when the Forestry Commission purchased it soon after the First Word War.

Postscript.





In September 2020 my family 'bubble' and I set out to see if any of the four stones remained. We did not expect to find any among the pines and waist high braken. We began at an oak on the east side of the ride that runs in a northerly direction from a footpath which begins at the