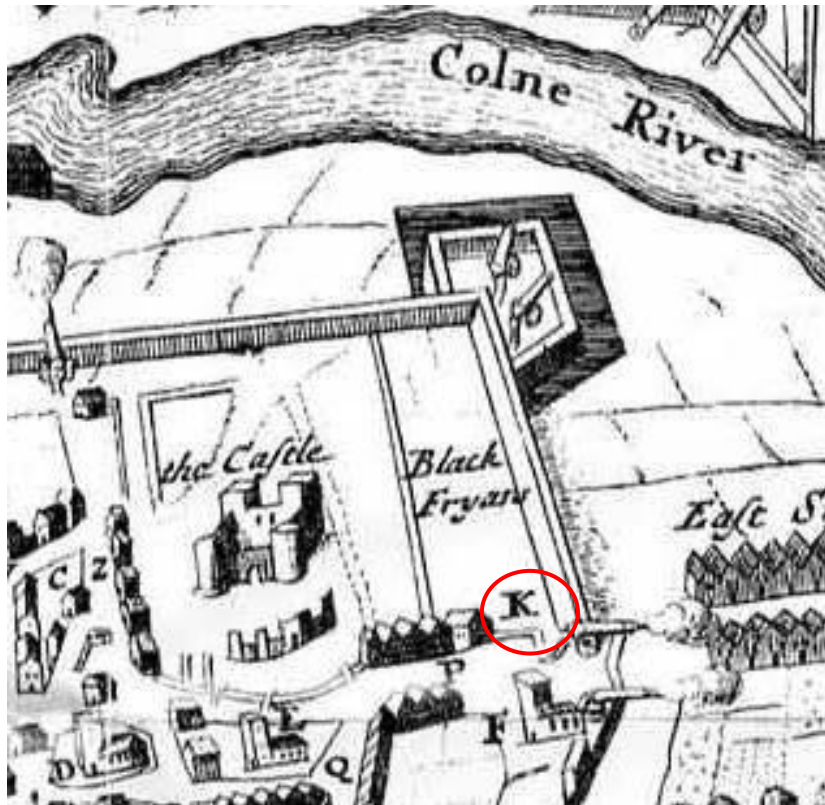
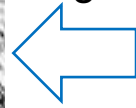


Grey Friars and the Siege of Colchester 1648

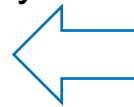


A Royalist gun emplacement in the north-east corner of the Grey Friars site, just outside the town wall, was shown in this engraving circa June/August 1648 by Thomas Witham



The map seems to be based on John Speed's C17th map which mistakenly lists Grey Friars as 'Black Fryars'.

At the end of the siege, Grey Friars is mentioned in the surrender agreement of 27th August 1648 (below) the 'fryars yard adjoining to ye east gate' shown by the red circle.



Of course the Grey Friars had been long gone by then, but the name has endured to this day.

...fryars yard adjoining to ye East Gate by 10 of the clock tomorrow morning...

“That all private soldiers and officers under captain shall be drawn together into ye fryars yard adjoining to ye East Gate by 10 of the clock tomorrow morning...”