

BABERGH HUNDRED.

Babergh Hundred, in the south-western part of Suffolk, and Liberty of St. Edmund, is a fertile and picturesque district, having many large and well-built villages, and several *silk and worsted manufactories*. It extends 16 miles in length, from north to south, and averages about eight miles in breadth. The navigable *river Stour*, in a winding course of more than twenty miles, bounds it on the west and south, and separates it from Essex; and its other boundaries are Risbridge and Thingoe Hundreds, on the north-west; Thedwestry Hundred, on the north; and Cosford and Samford Hundreds, on the east.

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It is watered by many rivulets, flowing southward to the Stour, and is in *Sudbury and Cosford Unions*, in the *Diocese of Ely*, and in the *Archdeaconry and Deanery of Sudbury*, except *Monks Eleigh*, which is a *Peculiar* of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Its ancient markets of *Nayland* and *Lavenham* are obsolete; but it has *fairs* at those places and at eight other villages; and the market town and borough of *Sudbury* lies within its limits, though a separate jurisdiction. It comprises 32 *parishes*, of which the following is an enumeration, together with *Sudbury*, shewing their territorial extent, the annual value of their lands and buildings, as assessed to the property tax in 1815, and their population in 1801 and 1841:—

PARISHES.	Acres.	Rent. £.	Populatn.		PARISHES.	Acres.	Rental. £.	Population.	
			1801.	1841.				1801.	1841
Acton	2729	3035	461	555	MelfordLong..	5186	7724	2204	2597
Alpheton	1212	1324	204	321	*Milden	1332	1473	130	186
Assington	2974	3829	471	778	*Monks Eleigh	2099	2520	542	732
*Boxford§	1802	3102	636	889	Nayland	942	2134	881	1114
Boxted	1367	1460	171	200	Newton-near } Sudbury .. }	2198	2737	354	443
*Brent Eleigh	1625	2200	243	289	*Polstead	3402	3936	655	989
BuresSt. Mary†	2542	3339	702	984	*Preston.....	1970	2111	309	406
Cavendish	3393	4406	1042	1353	Shimpling	2699	3050	441	517
Chilton	868	1118	79	98	Somerton	1040	1149	117	143
*Cockfield	3626	4086	739	951	Stanstead	1162	1453	258	387
Cornard Great	1550	2191	535	938	Stoke by Nayld	4600	6744	1041	1362
Cornard Little	1600	1811	279	396	WaldingfieldGt	2424	3328	564	676
*Edwardstone	1872	2104	362	495	WaldingfieldLt	1700	2104	338	420
Glemsford	2293	3675	1215	1366	Wiston	1170	1889	220	252
*Groton	1572	1719	516	624	Sudbury Boro'†	1250	3471	3283	5085
Hartest	1964	2905	646	812					
*Lavenham ..	2812	3755	1776	1871					
Lawshall	2907	3428	554	925					
					Total..	71,882	95,310	21,968	29,154

* The ten parishes marked thus are in COSFORD UNION, (see page 283,) and all the others are in SUDBURY UNION.

§ *Boxford* parish includes *Hadleigh Hamlet*. (See page 294.)

† The parish of *Bures St. Mary* is partly in *Hinckford Hundred, Essex*, and comprises altogether 4131 acres, and 1596 souls.

‡ The BOROUGH of SUDBURY is in three parishes, viz., *All Saints*, which had 1262, *St. Gregory*, which had 1893, and *St. Peter*, which had 1926 inhabitants in 1841. It also comprises 4 persons in the extra-parochial house called *Saint Bartholomew*. The return of the parish of *St. Gregory*, in 1841, included 196 paupers in the *Union Workhouse*.

CHIEF CONSTABLE, Mr. Samuel Ruffell, of Shimpling.

SUDBURY TOWN

... motny Stanton, *farmers*.

MONKS ELEIGH is a pleasant and well-built village, in the vale of the river Brett, nearly 6 miles N.W. of Hadleigh, and 2 miles S.W. of Bildeston. Its parish is a *peculiar* of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and contains 732 souls, and 2099 acres of fertile land. On the river are two corn mills, and in the village is a good inn, and several well-stocked shops. The manor was given, with Hadleigh, to the monks of Canterbury, by *Brithnoth*, Earl of Essex, who was killed by the Danes in 991. After the dissolution, it was given to the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury, to whom it still belongs; but the soil belongs to Isaac Strutt, Thos. Brown, and Chas. Dawson, Esqrs.; Miss Margt. Blair, Mrs. Hicks, Mr. J. Making, Mr. S. S. Baker, and a few smaller free and copyholders. The *Church* (St. Peter) is a large and handsome structure, with a tower containing six bells, and surmounted by a small wooden spire. The interior was thoroughly repaired in 1838, and most of the sittings are free. The *rectory*, valued in K.B. at £13. 18s. 11½d., and in 1835 at £422, has 16 acres of glebe, a good residence, and a yearly modus of £570, awarded in 1837. The Archbishop of Canterbury is patron, and the Rev. Henry Carrington, M.A., incumbent. The *Church Land*, 2½ acres, anciently appropriated to the repairs of the parish clock, is let for about £6 a year, which is carried to the churchwarden's account. The sums of £10, given by *Francis Causton*, and £20 given by the *Rev. Wm. Moore*, for bread for the poor, were laid out in 1717 in the purchase of Butt-field, 2½A., which was conveyed, together with two cottages belonging to the poor, to trustees, for distributions of bread on Ash-Wednesday and Christmas-day, among the necessitous parishioners frequenting the church. The cottages are occupied rent-free, and the land is let for £4. 10s. a year. Here is a *National School*, built in 1834, and the schoolmistress has the use of part of the old workhouse, which was divided into three tenements in 1838.

Baker Saml. Scott, veterinary surgeon, and shoeing smith	Hobart John Rt. animal painter	Raynham Mrs Mudd Sus. school
Baldwin Philip, tanner	FARMERS.	King John
Brentford Wm. blacksmith	(* are Owners.)	Joiners, &c.
Carrington Rev Hy. M.A. <i>Rectory</i>	*Baker Saml. S.	Hawkins James
Clarke Edmd. Wm. West, parish clerk	Blomfield John	Warren Zach. (& beerhouse)
Clarke Mary, schoolmistress	Durrant John	Shoemakers.
Clover Thomas, corn miller	Gage Robert	Ruffell Wm.
Deaves Samuel, castrator	Gage Wm.	Tricker Zach.
Fuller Edmund, beerhouse keeper	*Making Joseph,	Tailors.
Gage Wm. butcher & cattle dealer	Hall	Cardy Wm.
Garnham Henry, spirit merchant & victualler, <i>Red Lion</i>	*Strutt Isaac	Finch George
Harris John, corn miller	Wright Robert	Wheelwrights.
Hawkins Robert, ironmonger	Grocers & Dprs.	Bugg Meschach
	Alldis Henry	Cousens Robert
	Barnard Wm.	

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