

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 hair-seating 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 20 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. It is watered by many rivulets, flowing southward to the Stour, and is in the *Diocese of Ely*, and in the *Archdeaconry and Deanery of Sudbury*, and in the *Western Division* of Suffolk. 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 and their population in 1854. Mr. Samuel Ruffell, of Shimpling, is the *High Constable*.

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PARISHES.	Acres.	Pop.	PARISHES.	Acres.	Pop.
Acton.....	2811	539	Melford (Long)	5185	908
Alpheton	1202	370	*Milden	1839	165
Assington	2986	776	*Monks Eleigh	2099	722
*Boxford+.....	1820	898	Nayland	941	1158
Boxted	1367	201	Newton near Sudbury..	2197	499
*Brent Eleigh	1617	260	*Polstead	3402	943
Bures St. Mary§	2542	1144	*Preston	1931	386
Cavendish.....	3354	1394	Shimpling.....	2698	470
Chilton	979	151	Somerton	1040	136
*Cockfield	3626	988	Stanstead	1162	412
Cornard Great.....	1567	857	Stoke by Nayland	5277	1406
Cornard Little.....	1657	380	Waldingfield Great	2423	659
*Edwardstone	1872	479	Waldingfield Little	1574	404
Glemsford.....	2295	1626	Wiston	1485	256
*Groton	1571	589	<i>Sudbury Borough</i>	1093	5225
Hartest	1964	832			
*Lavenham	2887	1811	<i>Total</i>	73,428	24,401
Lawshall	2969	908			

* The ten parishes marked thus * are in COSFORD UNION (see page 619,) and the others are in SUDBURY UNION.

+ *Boxford* parish includes also *Hadleigh* hamlet.

§ *Bures St. Mary* is partly in *Essex* and contains altogether 4181 acres and 1806 souls.

☞ COUNTY COURT DISTRICTS.—*Boxford*, *Brent-Eleigh*, *Edwardstone*, *Groton*, *Milden*, *Monks-Eleigh*, and *Polstead* are in *Hadleigh County Court District*; and all the other 25 parishes are in *Sudbury County Court District*.

MONKS ELEIGH is a pleasant and well-built village, in the vale of the river Brett, nearly six miles N.W. of Hadleigh, and 2 miles S.W. of Bildeston. Its parish is a peculiar of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and contains 722 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 the Baker, Brown, Strutt, Making, Wright, Hicks, and a few other families. The *Church* (St. Peter,) is a large and handsome structure, with a tower and six bells. 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 rent-charge of £570, awarded in 1837. The Archbishop of Canterbury is patron, and the Rev. A. C. J. Wallace is the incumbent. The *Church Land*, 1A. 2R. 32P., anciently appropriated to

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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 Couston*, and £20, given by the *Rev. Wm. Baker*, were laid out in the purchase of two cottages and 2½ acres of land, called the Butt field. The land is let for £4. 10s. a year, which is distributed in bread. The two cottages now form three tenements, and their rents are applied towards the support of the *National School*, built in 1834. Post from *Hadleigh*, via *Bildeston*.

Alldis Miss Ellen, boarding school
 Branford Daniel, blacksmith
 Cardy Wm. tailor
 Clarke Wm. corn miller
 Death George, beerhouse
 Ford James, parish clerk, &c
 Gage Wm. butcher and cattle dealer
 Garnham Henry, maltster, spirit mert.
 and vict. Red Lion
 Grimsey George, police officer
 Harris John, painter
 Harris Joseph, corn miller
 Hawkins Robert, ironmonger & joiner
 Kingsbury Mr Thomas
 May Henry and Mrs., *National School*
 Parr Wm. wheelwright and beerhouse
 Phillips Wm. blacksmith and veteri-
 nary surgeon

Wallace Rev Arthur Capel Job, rector,
 and chaplain of Cosford Union,
Rectory
 Raymond Rev Oliver, curate

FARMERS.
 Baker Wm.
 Blomfield John
 Deanes George
 Durrant John
 Gage Robert
 Gage Wm., *High-*
lands
 Hazell George
 King John, *Tye*
 Making Jph., *Hall*
 Ranson John

Wright Robert,
Foyster's Hall
 GROCERS & DRPERS.
 Alldis Henry,
 Post Office
 Brook Edward
 King John
 Partridge Wm.
 SHOEMAKERS.
 Bowers Robert
 Ruffell Wm.
 Tricker Zach.