

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 and cocoa nut matting manufactories. It extends sixteen 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. It is watered by many rivulets, flowing southward to the Stour. Along the banks of the Stour is the Cambridge, Haverhill, Melford, &c., branch of the Great Eastern Railway, which was opened in 1863; and the hundred is crossed by the Sudbury and Bury branch of the same system, which was opened in 1865. It 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 a fair at Lavenham and a few other villages; and the market town and borough of Sudbury lies within its limits, though a separate jurisdiction. It comprises 36 parishes with the Borough of Sudbury, of which the following is an enumeration, showing their territorial extent and population in 1871.

PARISHES.	ACRES.	INHAB.		PARISHES.	ACRES.	INHAB.	
		POP.	HOUSES.			POP.	HOUSES.
Acton	2811	548	120	Melford (Long).....	5185	3046	654
Alpheton	1202	290	76	*Milden	1339	170	40
Assington	2986	746	172	*Monks Eleigh.....	2099	720	156
*Boxford†	1210	743	178	Nayland.....	941	980	235
Boxted	1367	194	43	Newton-near-Sudbury	2197	477	103
*Brent Eleigh	1617	219	58	*Polstead	3402	853	198
Bures St. Mary§	2516	910	221	*Preston	1931	354	72
Cavendish	3354	1388	305	Shimpling	2698	584	121
Chilton	979	260	58	Somerton	1040	168	33
*Cockfield	3626	980	225	Stanstead	1162	399	90
Cornard (Great)	1567	877	199	Stoke-by-Nayland	5277	1174	291
Cornard (Little)	1657	429	89	Sudbury All Sts., St. Gregory, St. Peter and St. Barth..	1093	6138	1323
*Edwardstone	1872	473	101	Waldingfield (Great)	2423	585	150
Glemsford	2295	2251	452	Waldingfield (Little)	1574	391	87
*Grotton	1571	506	128	Wiston	1485	222	46
Hartest	1964	720	165				
*Lavenham	2887	1886	427	Total	72,296	30,551	6824
Lawshall	2969	870	208				

* The ten parishes marked thus * are in COSFORD UNION, and the others are in SUDBURY UNION.

† Boxford parish includes also Hadleigh hamlet, and contained altogether in 1871, 1230 acres, 941 persons, and 230 inhabited houses.

§ Bures St. Mary is partly in Essex, and contained altogether, in 1871, 4185 acres, 1514 persons, and 358 inhabited houses.

COUNTY COURT DISTRICTS.—Boxford, Brent Eleigh, Edwardstone, Grotton, Milden, Monks Eleigh, Polstead, and Stoke-by-Nayland, are in HADLEIGH; Nayland in COLCHESTER; Cockfield and Lawshall in BURY ST. EDMUNDS; and the remaining 24 in SUDBURY district.

MONKS ELEIGH.

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 (of the rateable value of £3837. 12s. 6d.), is a peculiar of the Archbishop of Canterbury, containing 720 souls, and 2099 acres of fertile land, and is in Cosford Union, and Hadleigh County Court district. 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, who are still its lords; but the soil belongs to the Baker, Brown, Strutt, Makin, and a few other families. THE CHURCH (St. Peter) is a large and handsome structure, comprising nave, aisles, clerestory, and a tower and six bells. It was reseated and restored in 1867, at a cost of £300. The rectory, valued in K.B. at £13. 18s. 11½d., and now having 16 acres of glebe, a good residence, and a yearly rent-charge of £570, awarded in 1845, is in the patronage of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and incumbency of the Rev. James Connell, M.A. The Church Land, 1A. 2R. 32P., 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. William Baker, were laid out in the purchase of two cottages and 2½ acres of land, called the Butt field. The land is let for £8 a year, which is distributed in bread and clothing. The two cottages now form three tenements, and their rents are applied towards the support of the NATIONAL SCHOOL. The old school was taken down and sold, and the funds applied towards a new one, which was erected on the site of the old workhouse, in 1872, at an outlay of £600. It is supported by government grants, subscriptions, and children's pence, and is attended by 90 children. Here is a small Independent Chapel, built in 1869, at an outlay of £400, and has accommodation for 400 persons.

POST OFFICE at Mr. Alldis's. Letters are received at 7.45 a.m. from, and are despatched at 6.5 p.m. to Ipswich, but Bildeston is the nearest Money Order Office. The nearest Railway Stations are at Lavenham and Hadleigh.

Alldis Henry, grocer, draper and postmaster	Elvish Daniel, police constable	James Benjamin, parish clerk
Blomfield Mrs. farmer; & Polstead	Farthing John, beerhouse and pork butcher	King John, grocer
Bowers Mrs Hannah	Garnham Mrs Frances	Makin Frederick, farmer and land owner, Hall
Branford Daniel, blacksmith	Garwood Abraham, farm bailiff	Mann James, baker & pork butcher
Bugg Saml. shopkpr. & wheelwright	Goymer Geo. Johnson, farm bailiff	Parr Wm. beerhs. and wheelwright
Cardy William, tailor	Harris Joseph, corn miller	Phillips George, veterinary surgeon
Connell Rev Archibald, B.A. curate	Hawkins George Reeve, coal and coke merchant	Ranson Albert, butcher
Connell Rev James, M.A. rector, Rectory	Hawkins Robert, builder & contractor	Ruffell William, shoemaker
Cousens Daniel, shoemaker	Hawkins Samuel, beerhouse	Taylor Henry, farmer; & Polstead
Cullum Henry W. grocer, draper and outfitter	Hawkins William, carpenter	Turner Mattham, farmer
Deaves George, castrator	Hazell George, farmer	Tyre Walter, National schoolmaster
Downing Daniel, farmer	Holder Walter Whymark, boot and shoe maker	Vince William, farmer, Tye
Durrant John, farmer	Hudson Wm. victualler, Red Lion	Ward Arthur, corn miller
		Woodgate Rd. farmer, Foyster's hall
		Wyncoll Henry, farmer, Highlands

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