

1. Parish: Brampton

Meaning: Homestead where broom grew

2. Hundred: Blything

Deanery: Dunwich (-1868), Dunwich (North) (1868-1914), N. Dunwich (1914-1972), Halesworth (1972-)

Union: Blything

RDC/UDC: Blything RD (1894-1934), Wainford RD (1934-1974), Waveney DC (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Blything Petty Sessional Division
Halesworth County Court District

3. Area: 2,074 acres (1912)

4. Soils:

Mixed:

- a. Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay
- b. Deep well drained sand/coarse loams, some with slowly permeable subsoils and slight seasonal waterlogging, risk wind erosion

5. Types of farming:

1086		5½ acres meadow, wood for 32 pigs, 1 cob, 16 pigs, 4 score and 12 sheep
1500-1640	Thirsk:	Sheep-corn region where main crop is barley, sheep are main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening. Some similarities with wood-pasture region with pasture, meadow, dairying and some pig-keeping.
1818	Marshall:	Wide variations of crop and management techniques including summer fallow in preparation for corn and rotation of turnip, barley, clover, wheat on lighter lands.
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, beans, roots, sugar beet.
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet.

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1958 Small well spaced development in square formation.
Church and hall in SE corner. Secondary settlement at
railway station. Railway crosses parish N–S in western
sector.
Scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 18, 1801 – 23, 1851 – 57, 1871 – 69, 1901
– 62, 1951 – 73, 1981 – 117

8. Communications:

Road: To Blythburgh, Westhall, Shadingfield and Stoven. Main road
to Beccles.

Rail: Brampton station: East Suffolk Railway opened 1854, closed
for goods 1964

9. Population:

1086 – 61½ recorded
1327 – 35 taxpayers paid £2 18s. (includes Stoven)
1524 – 19 taxpayers paid £5 0s. 6d.
1603 – 81 adults
1674 – 20 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 236 inhabitants
1831 – 289 inhabitants
1851 – 281 inhabitants
1871 – 280 inhabitants
1901 – 274 inhabitants
1931 – 270 inhabitants
1951 – 253 inhabitants
1971 – 306 inhabitants
1981 – 292 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory

1254 Valued £12
1291 Valued £20
Portion of Tefford (Thetford) in same £1 £21
1535 Valued £20
1603 Impropriation valued £5 17s. 6d.
1650 Valued £50. No minister
1674 Parsonage has 3 hearths
1831 Glebe house. Gross income £360 p.a.
1844 Good residence. 11 acres glebe. Modus of £20 p.a. in lieu
of tithes
1891 Rent charge of £434 10s. p.a.
1912 Valued £290

Patrons:

1323 Robert de Faleyse, 1349 William de Ergham, 1405 William Philip and Robert Garneys, 1435 William de la Pole, 1504–1577 Townsend family, 1603 Robert Hopton, 1831 N.T.O. Leman, 1844 Rev. G.O. Leman, 1891 N.R.T. Leman

11. Church St. Peter

(Nave and chancel (continuous), W. tower)

1086 Church + 16 acres valued 16d.
13th cent. Original building (possibly built on cruciform style)
14/15th cent. Alterations
15th cent. Tower

Seats: 170

12. Nonconformity etc:

1597 Curate does not wear surplice, nor catechise
1 person neglects to attend own parish church but goes to Holton

13. Manorial:

Brampton

1066 Manor of 2 carucates held by Padda
1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Robert Bigot, held by Robert of Courson
1270 Alan de Wymondale owns
1315 Robert de Seafeld owns
c.1451 Bolley family owns
15th cent. Townsend family of Rainham, Norfolk owns
16th cent. Elmer/Aylmer family owns
1593 Links with Braiseworth (Thomas Playter)
1606 Sir John Leman owns in which family it remains

Sub-Manors:

Hales Hall

1325 Walter Hales held free warren
14th cent. Duke family owns
17th cent. Sir William Playters said to own (some dispute as to the line of this manor but appears it was probably absorbed by main manor)

14. Markets/Fairs:

1251/52 Grants to hold market and fair
1270 Grants to hold market and fair

15. Real property:

1844	£1,992 rental value
1891	£2,613 rateable value
1912	£2,632 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1912 Land always sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

1674	Sir Robert Yallop
1680	2 gents
1844	Rev. G.O. Leman
1912	F.L.H. Morrice JP, Rev. T.S. Curteis BA

18. Occupations:

1550–1599	2 husbandmen
1600–1649	5 husbandmen, 1 yeoman
1650–1699	2 husbandmen, 5 yeomen, 1 spinster, 1 linen weaver, 2 tailors
1844	Vet/Victualler, 2 blacksmiths, joiner, wheelwright/smith, parish clerk, beerhouse keeper, bricklayer, 13 farmers
1912	Sub-postmaster, schoolmistress, station master, 12 farmers, 2 coal merchants, boot repairer, bricklayer, 2 shopkeepers, 2 publicans, general smith, insurance agent, farm bailiff, tailor, bootmaker, wheelwright, blacksmith

19. Education:

1818	1 Sunday school endowed by Mrs. Mary Leman (£9 6s. 8½d. – 1844) (50 attend)
1833	1 Sunday school as above (48 attend), 2 daily schools (20/25 attend)
1872	National school built, average attendance 1912 – 65

20. Poor relief:

1776	£63 9s. 2d.
1803	£121 2s. 1d.
1818	£325 11s.
1830	£351 9s.
1832	£583 1s.
1834	£520 3s.

21. Charities:

Poors and Church Estate:

1840 4 tenements let at £4 p.a. distributed among poor
 3 acres producing approx. £11 pa. distributed among
 poor
 12 acres called Town Fen let at £41
 Rents to church repairs

22. Other institutions:

1776 Workhouse (10 inmates)

23. Recreation:

1844 The Dog public house, 1 beerhouse
1891 The Dog public house and The Railway Inn
1912 The Dog public house and The Railway Tavern

24. Personal:

1616 Sir John Leman, Lord Mayor of London. Portrait reputed
 to hang in Brampton Hall

25. Other information:

Brampton Hall: Old mansion destroyed by fire 1733, Rebuilt on site
north of church c.1796.

Base of cross in situ showing place where the Court Leets were held
(East Suffolk Illustrated) 1908/09.

Old Hall converted to farmhouse. Engraving by H. Davy 1826.