

1. Parish: Great Glemham

Meaning: Meadow/enclosure by River Glem or Merry enclosure (Ekwall)

2. Hundred: Plomesgate

Deanery: Orford (-1914), Saxmundham (1914-)

Union: Plomesgate

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Plomesgate RD (1894-1934), Blyth RD (1934-1974), Suffolk Coastal DC (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Abolished ecclesiastically (1803) to create Great Glemham with Little Glemham

Framlingham Petty Sessional Division

Framlingham and Saxmundham County Court District

3. Area: 1,918 acres (1912)

4. Soils:

- Mixed:**
- a) Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion
 - b) Deep well drained sandy soils, some very acid especially under heath or in woodland, risk wind erosion.

5. Types of farming:

1086		13 acres meadow, 1 ox, 1 mill, 48 pigs, 90 sheep, 2 cobs
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Sheep corn region, where sheep are main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening. Barley main cash crop. Also has 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, roots, barley
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1975 River Alde forms natural boundary to east. Disused airfield intrudes into parish in southern sector. Small well spaced development in form of irregular horseshoe. Church situated amongst eastern group of dwellings. Scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 33, 1801 – 46, 1851 – 73, 1871 – 71, 1901 – 70, 1951 – 74, 1981 – 72

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Cransford, Swefling, Stratford St. Andrew
1891 Carrier passes through to Woodbridge and Aldeburgh
Rail: 1891 3 miles Marlesford station: Wickham Market –
Framlingham line, opened (1859), closed for
passengers (1952), closed for goods (1965)
Water: River Alde: navigable to Snape Bridge
Air: Framlingham airfield: built (1942/43) as USAF base, closed
(1945), sold (1964). Perimeter track used by light
aircraft.

9. Population:

1086 — 97 recorded
1327 — 22 taxpayers paid £1. 13s. 9d.
1524 — 32 taxpayers paid £7. 2s. 4d.
1603 — 140 adults
1674 — 35 households
1676 — Not recorded
1801 — 384 inhabitants
1831 — 399 inhabitants
1851 — 349 inhabitants
1871 — 320 inhabitants
1901 — 312 inhabitants
1931 — 265 inhabitants
1951 — 276 inhabitants
1971 — 195 inhabitants
1981 — 178 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Perpetual Curacy (with Little Glemham)

1254 Valued £12.
1291 Valued £10
Portion of St. Faiths in same £1. 6s. 8d.
£11. 6s. 8d.

1535	Not recorded
1831	Glebe house in Little Glemham. Joint gross income £329 pa. Incumbent also holds rectory of Marlesford.
1891	Small tithes commuted for £95. 3s., rectorial tithe for £352 14s.
1912	Joint nett value £250. 7 acres glebe. Incumbent resides at Little Glemham.

Patrons:

Hon. Mrs. North (1831), Earl of Guilford (1912)

- 11. Church** All Saints
(Chancel, nave, south aisle, north porch, west tower)
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| 1086 | ½ church and 10 acres, ½ plough, church and 10 acres
½ church and 10 acres
(One of the above refers to Little Glemham) |
| 13 th cent. | Chancel |
| 15 th cent. | Main structure including tower |
| 16 th cent. | Priests doorway |
| 1856 | Rebuilding work |
| 1878 | Restoration |

Seats: 200 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1597	2 persons do not attend divine service United Methodist chapel built (1892)
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13. Manorial:

1066	Manor of 30 acres held by Huna a free man under sub-patronage of Abbot of Ely
1086	Manor of 30 acres belonging to Robert Malet
1066	Manor of 60 acres held by Sparrowhawk, a free man under patronage of Edric
1086	manor of 60 acres belonging to Robert Malet
1066	Manor of 41 acres held by Leofric
1086	Manor of 41 acres belonging to Robert Malet
1066	Manor of 2 carucates held by Wulfric, under patronage
1086	Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Eudo the Steward
1066	Manor of 180 acres held by Starling under patronage
1086	Manor of 180 acres belonging to Walter Giffard

North Glemham al Glemham Magna

1263	Hugh de Cressy died seised (linked to Thelnetham)
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1287	Galfrid de Aspale owns
1324	Priory of Thetford owns
Circa 1362	Sir John de Ufford died seised (linked to Bruisyard and Badingham)
1540	Thomas, Duke of Norfolk owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)
1621	Robert Buxton died seised
Circa 1652	Maj. General Fleetwood owns
18/19 th cent.	Samuel Kilderbee owns
1829	John Mosely owns (linked to Drinkstone, Rattlesden, Badwell Ash)

Sub-Manors;

Gt. Glemham/Lowdham Hall

1319	John de Lowdham owns
1406	Butley priory owns
1545	William Edgar owns
1606	Sir Henry Glemham owns
1896	Duke of Hamilton and Brandon owns (linked to Easton, Hacheston, Hoo, Kettleburgh and Letheringham)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£2,378 rental value
1891	£2,152 rateable value
1912	£1,550 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844	Land sub-divided
1891	Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, principle owner
1912	Not recorded

17. Resident gentry:

1679	Thomas Edgar Glemham: Chaloner Arcedeckne (1797) High Sheriff of Suffolk
1891/1912	Col. A. Bloomfield JP

18. Occupations:

1550–1599	3 yeomen, 1 miller
1600–1649	4 yeomen, 3 husbandmen, 1 tailor, 1 weaver
1650–1699	5 yeomen, 1 husbandman, 1 cordwainer, 1 carpenter

1831 84 in agriculture, 12 in retail trade, 6 in labouring, 21 in domestic service, 4 others
 1844 Saddler, schoolmaster, thatcher, 2 tailors, butler, victualler, 2 blacksmiths, 2 boot/shoemakers, 12 farmers, 3 shopkeepers, 2 wheelwrights
 1912 Sub-postmaster, schoolmistress, 8 farmers, 2 pork butchers, shoemaker, gamekeeper, blacksmith, 2 gardeners, nurseryman, shopkeeper, publican, farm bailiff

19. Education:

Curate teaches school (1597)
 1818 1 Sunday school (64 attend)
 1833 1 daily school (16 attend), 1 Sunday school (35 attend)
 1844 Schoolmaster recorded
 1891 Education benefits from bequest
 Public Elementary school built (1874), 65 attend (1891), enlarged (1909), average attendance (1912) 75

20. Poor relief:

1776	£85. 10s. 9d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£177. 9s. 4d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£257. 12s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£537. 4s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£491. 13s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£473. 14s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

Church Land:

1840 22 acres let at £25 p.a. applied to Church repairs, any surplus distributed among poor. However this rent had been used to defray the cost of debt incurred in building a workhouse

22. Other institutions:

1844 Former parish workhouse described as cottages

23. Recreation:

1844-1912 The Crown Inn public house

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Glemham House: built (1814) for Dr. Samuel Kilderbee. Grounds originally laid out by Humphrey Repton. They appear in 'Theory' written by same (1803).

Reputedly stands on site of former Hall (believed built circa 1708) sketches of which are believed to have survived. This was the home of George Crabbe, poet (1796-1801) although there seems to be some dispute as to its exact location. PSIA Vol. XXV p.116

Park of some 200 acres (1891). The seat of the Earls of Cranbrook.

The Grove: rebuilt (circa 1796), alterations and improvements (1891)

Archaeological Sites

Field system (CRN 2083)

Stray finds: B.A. knife (CRN 2084)