

1. Parish: Havergate Island

Meaning:

2. **Hundred:** Plomesgate

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Union: Plomesgate

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

Other administrative details:

Ex-parochial parish (-1868) when gained civil parish statue
Woodbridge Petty Sessional Division and County Court District

3. **Area:** 265 acres land, 3 acres water, 113 acres tidal water, 55 acres forshore (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Deep stoneless calcareous/non calcareous clay soils, localized peat, flat land, risk of flooding

5. **Types of farming:**

Used for grazing only

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

1978/79 Area completely surrounded by River. Ore. Separated from the sea by Orford beach. Uninhabited. Bird Sanctuary
Scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 0, 1801 – 0, 1851 – 1, 1871 – 1, 1901 – 1, 1951 – 0, 1981 – 0

8. **Communications:**

Water: River Ore

9. **Population:**

1851 — 8 inhabitants
1871 — 4 inhabitants
1901 — 4 inhabitants
1931 — 0 inhabitants
1951 — 0 inhabitants
1971 — 3 inhabitants
1981 — 0 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Vicarage

11. Church:

12. Nonconformity etc:

13. Manorial:

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	not recorded
1891	£160 rateable value
1912	£120 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844	H. Edwards, sole owner
1891	G. Fiske, sole owner
1912	George Fiske, sole owner

17. Resident gentry:

18. Occupations:

19. Education:

20. Poor relief:

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Submerged by flood water (1897), hundreds of hares, rats and rabbits drowned

Formerly two islands: upper called Dowsing Island. Dyke and low walls remain where the two islands joined

Horse and cow ferry crossed from mainland to Horsehard which carried livestock to summer pasture

Designated extra-parochial parish (circa 1450). Suggested the whole area should be walled about this time, the parish being reclaimed land belonging to no parish

'Alde Estuary' by W.G. Arnott (1952)

RSPE Bird Sanctuary (20th cent.)

During WWII airfield was built on island