1. Parish : Little Wratting

Meaning: Place where crosswort grew

2. Hundred: Risbridge

Deanery: Clare

Union: Risbridge

RDC/UDC: (W. Suffolk) Clare RD (-1974), St. Edmundsbury DC

(1974-)

Other administrative details:

Civil boundary change 1883

Ecclesiastical boundary change 1819 to create Great

Wratting with Little Wratting
Risbridge Petty Sessional Division
Haverhill County Court District

3. Area: 936 acres (1912)

4. Soils:

Mixed: a. Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay

soils, slight risk water erosion

b. Deep well drained fine loam, coarse loam and sandy soils, locally flinty and in places over gravel. Slight risk

water erosion

5. Types of farming:

1086 Wratting:

23 acres meadow, 2 oxen, 2 mills, 5 cobs, 23 cattle, 106 pigs, 800 sheep, 40 goats,

wood for 8 pigs, 6 beehives

1500–1640 Thirsk: Wood-pasture region, mainly pasture,

meadow, engaged in rearing and dairying with some pig keeping, horse breeding and poultry. Crops mainly barley with some wheat, rye, oats, peas, vetches, hops and

occasionally hemp.

Also has similarities with sheep-corn region where sheep are main fertilising agent, bred

for fattening, barley main cash crop.

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, peas, roots

1969 Trist: More intensive cereal growing and sugar

beet.

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1960 Small parish with no recognisable centre of

development. Church situated in NE sector near small

number of dwellings. Scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 8, 1801 – 12, 1851 – 42, 1871 – 46,

1901 - 36, 1951 - 55, 1981 - 57

8. Communications:

Roads: To Gt. Wratting, Haverhill, Kedington and

Barnardiston

1891: Carrier passes through to Haverhill on

Friday

1912: Carriers from Haverhill daily

Rail: 1891 2 miles Haverhill station:

Haverhill South: Haverhill-Halstead line

opened 1863, closed 1962

Haverhill North: Haverhill-Sudbury line

opened 1865, closed for goods and made unmanned

halt 1966, closed for passengers 1967

Water: River Stour: made navigable by Act of

Parliament of 1705. Last barge travelled as far as

Dedham 1928

9. Population:

1086 - 26 recorded - Wratting

1327 - 13 taxpayers paid £2 5s.

1524 - 20 taxpayers paid £0 15s. 8d.

1603 - 100 adults

1674 - 11 households

1676 - 34 adults

1801 - 107 inhabitants

1831 - 212 inhabitants

1851 - 212 inhabitants

1871 - 217 inhabitants

1901 - 164 inhabitants

1931 - 206 inhabitants

1951 - 150 inhabitants

1971 – 134 inhabitants 1981 – 157 inhabitants

10. Benefice: **Rectory** (consolidated with Great Wratting) 1254 Valued £4. Portion of the Canons and Prior of Thetford 4s. £4 4s. 1291 Valued £5 6s. 8d. Portion of Canons of Thetford 4s. £5 16s. 8d. 1535 Valued £4 19s. 9½d. Parsonage has 5 hearths (empty) 1674 Glebe house. Joint gross income £450 p.a. 1831 Tithes commuted for £341 p.a. 1841 Little Wratting being £250 p.a. Residence built 1870 1873 Joint value £673 1891 96 acres glebe Joint value £460 p.a. plus 30 acres glebe and residence 1912 Patrons: Anne Turner, gent (1603) 11. Church St. Mary

(Chancel

(Chancel, nave, S. porch, bell turret)

1086 Wratting:

Church plus 32 acres free land

Church plus 13 acres

Late Anglo Saxon – evidence of in masonry of nave and

N. and S. doorways

Norman Main structure with 13/14th cent. alterations

15th cent. 'Turnour chapel' (PSIA Vol.XXVII) 1710/22 N. chapel demolished (Turnour chapel)

19th cent. Chancel rebuilt

Timber bell turret with short shingle spire

1875, 1895 Restorations

Seats: 24 appropriated, 90 free (1873)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1740–1814 3 houses set aside for worship

13. Manorial:

Little Wratting/Capell's

11/12 th cent.	de Clare family owns (linked to numerous manors throughout
	Suffolk)
1316	Alberic de Capel held of the Honor of Clare
1371	Edmund de Hengrave owns

1432	Philip Caxton died seised
1536	Henry Turner died seised (linked to Little Thurlow)
<i>c</i> .1639	Sir Stephen Soame owns (linked to Cavendish, Bures,
	Freckenham, Herringswell, Stowmarket, Cowlinge and Little
	Thurlow)
1764	Catherine Barnardiston owns
1909	J.J. Sainsbury owns

Sub-manors:

Blunts Hall

− <i>c</i> .1380	de Clare family owns (annexed to main manor)
1380	Robert Kempe owns
<i>c</i> .16 th cent.	·
	Henry Turner owns (annexed to main manor)

1837 Robert Bird owns

Wilsey Hall

11/12 th cent.	de Clare family owns (annexed to main manor)
1553	Robert Cornewall owns
1556	Sir Giles Alington owns (linked to Withersfield)
1558	Henry Turner owns (absorbed by main manor)

14. Markets/Fairs:

15. Real property:

1844	£856 rental value
1891	£981 rateable value
1912	£1,057 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1891	All freehold and sub-divided
1912	J.J. Sainsbury, principal owner

17. Resident gentry:

18. Occupations:

1500-1549	1 husbandman
1550-1599	1 husbandman, 2 parsons
1600-1649	1 yeoman, 1 husbandman
1650-1699	4 yeomen, 2 husbandmen
1831	39 in agriculture, 1 in manufacturing, 2 in retail trade, 5 in
	domestic service, 5 others
1844	Shopkeeper, 3 farmers, corn miller
1912	Schoolmistress, miller, 2 farmers, 2 farm bailiffs, beer
	retailer

19. Education:

National school built, average attendance 1912 35

20. Poor relief:

1776	£32 3s. 4d.
1803	£192 16s.
1818	£283 5s.
1830	£433 3s.
1832	£291 1s.
1834	£260 15s.

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

1891/1912 beerhouse/retailer

24. Personal:

Turnour family

25. Other information:

Notes on Little Wratting by Haverhill and District Archaeology Group Newsletter Vol.3, p.117.

War memorial erected 1949.