

1. Parish : Little Wrattling

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 Wrattling with Little Wrattling
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		Wrattling: 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

1971 – 134 inhabitants
1981 – 157 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory (consolidated with Great Wrattling)

1254	Valued £4. Portion of the Canons and Prior of Thetford 4s.	<u>£4 4s.</u>
1291	Valued £5 6s. 8d. Portion of Canons of Thetford 4s.	<u>£5 16s. 8d.</u>
1535	Valued £4 19s. 9½d.	
1674	Parsonage has 5 hearths (empty)	
1831	Glebe house. Joint gross income £450 p.a.	
1841	Tithes commuted for £341 p.a. Little Wrattling being £250 p.a.	
1870	Residence built	
1873	Joint value £673	
1891	96 acres glebe	
1912	Joint value £460 p.a. plus 30 acres glebe and residence	

Patrons: Anne Turner, gent (1603)

11. Church St. Mary
(Chancel, nave, S. porch, bell turret)

1086	Wrattling: 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 13/14 th cent. alterations
15 th cent.	‘Turnour chapel’ (PSIA Vol.XXVII)
1710/22	N. chapel demolished (Turnour chapel)
19 th 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 Wrattling/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)
c.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

-c.1380	de Clare family owns (annexed to main manor)
1380	Robert Kempe owns
c.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 Cornwall 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:

1849 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.