

1. Parish: Parham

Meaning: Meadow/enclosure where pears grew

2. **Hundred:** Loes

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Union: Plomesgate

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

Other administrative details:

Abolished ecclesiastically to create Parham with Hacheston (pre 1831)
Framlingham Petty Sessional Division
Framlingham and Saxmundham County Court District

3. **Area:** 2,215 acres land, 5 acres water (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed: a) Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils. Slight risk of water erosion
b) Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged some calcareous, clay and fine loams over clay soils

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		18 acres meadow, wood for 10 pigs, 38 pigs, 5 cattle, 58 sheep, 58 goats
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
1818	Marshall:	Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products
1937	Main Crops:	Wheat, roots, barley, some pasture
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

Possible enclosure in 1783 and 1811 (not confirmed)

7. **Settlement:**

1978 Disused airbase intrudes into parish in eastern sector.
River Ore passes through parish from S.W. Disused railway also follows similar course
Small compact settlement close to river. Church offset to east. Secondary settlements at Silverlace Green, Mill Green and North Green.
Few scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 48, 1801 – 48, 1851 – 105, 1871 – 99,
1901 – 89, 1951 – 94, 1981 – 101

8. **Communications:**

Road: Road to Marlesford, Cransford, Framlingham, Easton and Hacheston
1891 Carriers pass through to Ipswich Monday and Friday

Rail: 1891 Rail station: Wickham Market – Framlingham line, opened (1859) closed for passenger (1952), closed for goods (1965)

Water: River Ore

Air: Framlingham airfield: built (1942/43) as USAF base, closed (1945), sold (1964). Perimeter track used by light aircraft

9. **Population:**

1086 — 39 recorded
1327 — 26 taxpayers paid £1. 17s. 1d.
1524 — 26 taxpayers paid £2. 17s. 10d.
1603 — 166 adults
1674 — 48 households
1676 — not recorded
1801 — 399 inhabitants
1831 — 502 inhabitants
1851 — 532 inhabitants
1871 — 477 inhabitants
1901 — 375 inhabitants
1931 — 310 inhabitants
1951 — 339 inhabitants
1971 — 271 inhabitants
1981 — 285 inhabitants

10. **Benefice: Vicarage (with Hacheston)**

1254 Valued £10. 13s. 4d.
1291 Valued £13. 6s. 8d.
1535 Valued £20. Church appropriated to Monastery of Hykelyng, Lincs
1831 Curate, stipend £124 p.a. Glebe house unfit for occupation. Gross income £301 p.a.

1835 Valued £299.
 1844 Rectorial tithes commuted for £168. 18s., vicarial tithes for £177 Vicarage house built (1848)
 1891 4/5 acres glebe
 1912 Joint net value £218. 10 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Mr. Warner (1603), Mrs. White (1831), F. Corrance (1844), T.W. Rodwell (1912)

11. Church **St Mary**
 (Chancel, nave, N. porch, W. tower)

1086 Church + 24 acres free land
 Church believed built by William de Ufford in (14th cent.)
 14th cent. Tower, nave doorways, chancel arch
 14/15th cent. Main structure
 1643/44 Puritanical Vandals (William Dowsing) Parham-Hacheston: 'There was 21 cherubims with wings, in wood; and 16 Cross in the church; and the representation of the Trinity on the Font; and the Spears and Nails, that Christ was pierced and nailed with; and 3 crosses, all in stone; 4 superstitious pictures in the chancel, and a Cross, all in Glass; and the steps to be levelled...All to be done'.

Seats: 300 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1912 Methodist chapel in existence

13. Manorial:

1066 Manor of 2 carucates held by Thormod
 1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to the King
 1066 Manor of 1 carucates held by Aelfric, a Kings thane
 1086 Manor of 1 carucate belonging to Count Alan and held by Hamo
 1066 Manor of 1 carucate held by Alnoth a free man under patronage of Edric
 1086 Manor of 1 carucate belonging to Robert Malet
 1066 Manor of 40 acres held by Blackson, a free man under patronage
 1086 Manor of 40 acre belonging to Robert Malet
 1066 Manor of 40 acres held by Ernulf a free man under patronage
 1086 Manor of 40 acres belonging to Robert Malet

Parham Hall

12 th cent.	Ralph de Collevill owns
1208	Rheobald de Valoines owns (linked to Butley and Campsey Ash)
circa 1288	John de Vaux/Vallibus owns (linked Rumburgh, Spexhall and Walpole, Wenhaston, Wissettm Shottisham, Bamfield, Wenham Parva and Coverhithe)
circa 1316	Sir Robert de Ufford owns (linked to Wissett and Fressingfield)
1409	Robert, 6 th Baron Willoughby owns (linked to Bawdsey, Combs, Ufford, Bredfield, Pettistree, Sutton, Bradfield Combust)
circa 1649	Barnabas Bowtell owns
circa 1687	John Corrance owns (linked to Hacheston and Rendlesham)
circa 1873	Capt. Frederick Snowden Corrance owns (linked to Framlingham)

Sub Manor:

Hickling Hall

circa 1185	Robert de Valoines, Lord Valoines who gave this manor to Hicking Priory, Norfolk (linked to Orford)
1536	Bishop of Norwich owns
1541	Sir William Woodhouse owns
1548	William Naunton owns
1550	John Bacon owns
1603	Edmund and Edward Warner own
1699	John Corrance owns (absorbed by main manor)

14. Markets/Fairs

1618/19 Fair held on Hallowmas Day

15. Real property:

1844	£2,407 rental value
1891	£2,573 rateable value
1912	£1,970 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844	F. Corrance, principal owner
1891	F.S. Corrance, principal owner
1912	Trustees of Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, principal owners

17. Resident gentry:

1674	Sir Philip Meadow has house with 19 hearths
1679	Barnaby Bowtell, Sir John Warner, Edmund Warner
1700	Samuel Warner, High Sheriff of Suffolk
1844	Rev. F. Evans BA
1891	F.S. Corrance, JP, DL., Rev. C.T. Corrance MA
1912	Mrs. F.S. Corrance, Rev. J.F. Mather MA, Major J. Spinks

18. Occupations:

1550-1599	2 yeomen, 3 husbandmen, 1 labourer
1600-1649	6 yeomen, 1 husbandman, 1 twill weaver, 1 joiner
1650-1699	1 cooper, 12 yeomen, 1 tailor, 1 twill weaver, 1 weaver, 1 tanner, 1 spinster, 1 cook
1831	89 agriculture, 17 in retail trade, 3 professionals, 16 in labouring, 25 in domestic service, 9 others
1844	2 shopkeepers, 2 shoemakers, bricklayer, joiner, corn miller, victualler/wheelwright, blacksmith, schoolmistress, 11 farmers
1912	Sub-postmistress, schoolmistress, station master, 13 farmers, publican builder, pig dealer, miller, estate agent, gamekeeper

19. Education:

1818	Some children attend endowed school at Hacheston. 1 boarding and day school (30 attend), 1 Sunday School (60 attend)
1833	9 attend school at Hacheston, 1 endowed Sunday school (44 attend), School built 1841 by Mr. Corrance for education of 40 poor children New school built (1871), 100 attend (1891), average attendance (1912) 53

20. Poor relief:

1776	£142. 16s. 3d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£232. 3s. 7 ½ d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£686. 17s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£522. 17s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£558. 12s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£491. 5s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

Doles

1703/1736	£9. 0s. 8d. distributed to poor families £3. 14s. distributed in bread, 6s. 8d. paid to minister
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22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

1844-1912 The Willoughby Arms public house

24. Personal:

Joshua Kirby FRS. AS. (1717-1774): born in the parish; topographical designer in perspective to George III. Son of John Kirby, author of 'Suffolk Traveller' (1732-34)

Lady Trevor Warner of Parham (circa 1691): a nun called Sister Clare of Jesus. East Anglian Miscellany (1921) p.60

25. Other information:

Stocks preserved in roofing of lychgate

Church farmhouse: (15th cent.) buttress shafts, sill of oriel and heraldic shield, some alterations (17th cent)

Moat Hall: (16th cent) timber framed with brick. Moated. Pevsner described it as 'a wonderful survival' gateway with 4-centred arch and 2 niches with Wild Men

Parham new hall: built 1851 on site of Parham Lodge

Former control tower at Parham airfield converted to 390th Bomb Group Memorial Air Museum (1980)

Parham Old Hall: (circa 1630-1650) portion date from 15th cent., fragment of larger brick building (one side of wing, beginning of one bay of recessed centre). Former seat of Willoughby family. Moated grange gateway with heraldic shields. Legend places the hall within the precincts of a castle/fortified mansion.

'Moated Houses' by W.O Tristram (1910) p.147

'Parham Old Hall' PSIA Vol. III p.407

Parham Gateway. East Anglian Miscellany (1931) p.20

Parham Pillars: existed in field (1918/21) presumed former gate posts to nearby dwelling (possibly Parham House), believed partially demolished the materials reused in building of Parham New Hall (East Anglian Miscellany (1918) p. 53/63 and (1921) p.59/60)

Archaeological Sites:

Med. moated site (CRN 1318)

Un. stocks (CRN 1482)

Church of St. Mary (CRN 1681)

Stray finds:

Sax. pottery (CRN 2076)

Rom. coin (CRN 2080)

Neo. axe (CRN 2081)

Neo. worked flint (CRN 2082)