

AN
ESSAY
TOWARDS A
TOPOGRAPHICAL HISTORY
OF THE
COUNTY OF NORFOLK,
CONTAINING A
DESCRIPTION OF THE TOWNS, VILLAGES,
AND HAMLETS,

WITH THE FOUNDATIONS OF
MONASTERIES, CHURCHES, CHAPELS, CHANTRIES, AND
OTHER RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS:

ALSO AN ACCOUNT OF

*The Ancient and Present State of all the Rectories, Vicarages, Donatives, and
Impropriations, their Former and Present Patrons and Incumbents, with their
several Valuations in the King's Books, whether discharged or not :*

LIKEWISE,

AN HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF THE CASTLES, SEATS, AND
MANORS, THEIR PRESENT AND ANCIENT OWNERS;

TOGETHER WITH THE

*Epitaphs, Inscriptions, and Arms in all the Parish Churches, and Chapels ; with
several Draughts of Churches, Monuments, Arms, Ancient Ruins, and other
RELICKS OF ANTIQUITY.*

COLLECTED OUT OF

LEDGER-BOOKS, REGISTERS, RECORDS, EVIDENCES, DEEDS, COURT-ROLLS,
AND OTHER AUTHENTICK MEMORIALS.

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Nos patriæ fines, et dulciâ scripsimus arva. VIRG.

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MAGNA BERWICK

MANOR, OR IN THE BRAKES.

THIS principal manor here was held by the King, who was lord of it at the survey, and by a freeman, before the conquest, who had 260 sheep, 11 swine, 2 cows, 5 runci, or horses, with a carucate of land. This, together with *Southmere* and *Titchwell* manor, then also possessed by the Conqueror, was valued before the conquest at 7*l.* and at the time of the survey at 30*l. per ann.* and 4 socmen in King *Edward's* time held 4 acres of land; but after the conquest, and after *Roger* received this manor, and held it of the King, *Brom*, the steward, or bailiff of *Roger Bigot*, took them away from it, and *Roger* has them now, and one socman with 60 acres, or half a carucate.³

This, as I conceive, remained in *Bigot*, till granted by King *William II.* to *William de Albini*, ancestor of the Earls of *Esser* and *Arundel*, of that name; this in a great measure appears from the grant of *Richard*, son of *Robert de Scenges*, of the church of *St. Mary*, of (this town) *Berwick*, to the priory of *Bokenham*⁴ (founded by *William de Albini* aforesaid) in the reign of King *Henry II.* and then confirmed to that house, by *William de Albini* Earl of *Sussex* and *Arundel*, then capital lord of the fee, of whom *Richard* then held it.

After this it came to the *Calthorps*, who were lords in the reign of King *Henry III.* and held it in *Edward* the First's time, of the Lord *Tateshale*, who inherited it by the marriage of an heiress of the Earl of *Arundel* and *Sussex*.

William de Calthorp held in the 20th of *Edward III.* the fourth part of a fee here, and in *Bermere*, of the heirs of *Tateshale*, which *Reginald de Calthorp*, and *Richard* his brother formerly held.

At the same time, *Roger Ivo* of *Berwick*, and his parceners, held the 4th part of a fee, which *Ivo de Berwick* formerly held.

From the *Calthorps* it descended to the *Parkers*; and Sir *William Parker* was lord in the 3d of *Edw. VI.* by the marriage of *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *Philip Calthorp*; and Sir *Philip Parker* was lord in the 32d of *Elizabeth*.

After this it came to the *Townsend*s, Sir *John Townsend* dying seized of it in the year 1603, as did Sir *Roger Townsend* in 1637.

From this family it came to Sir ——— *Chaplain*, Bart. and Mr. *Robert Glover* was lord in 1757.

Berwick may be derived from *Ber*, as aforesaid, and *Wick*, a turn of a river or stream.

³ H. de Dochinge—Terra Regis
—In bereuuita cclx ov. et xi por. et
ii an. et v r. et i car. t're. qd. ten. i lib.
ho. T.R.E. hoc totu' val. tc. vii lib. p.
xx mo. xxx et iiii soc. iiii ac. t're. T.R.

E. qd. p'. qua' rex venit et p. q. Rog.
hoc. man. recep. Erum p'posit R. Bigot
tulit de hoc manerio, et mo. tenet Rog.
et i soc. lx ac. dim. car.

⁴ Men. Angl. vol. ii. p. 274.

BUCKENHAM PRIORY MANOR.

Besides the church of *Berwick*, given by *Richard de Scenges*, *Hugh de Albin*, Earl of *Arundel*, gave to this house a messuage, and a wind-mill; what other benefactions they had here does not appear. Their temporalities in 1428, were valued in this town at 67*s. per ann.*

This, with the rectory appropriated to the convent, its lands and tenements, with the advowson of the vicarage, was granted by King *Henry VIII.* in his 35th year, *December 3*, to *Robert Townsend*, serjeant at law, and *Gyles Townsend*, Esq. and they granted it to their elder brother, *Sir Roger Townsend*, *December 10* following, having the King's license *December 5*. *Sir Roger* died possessed of it in 1552; and *Sir Roger Townsend*, Bart. was found at his death, in 1637, seized of the manor of *Buckenham* in *Berwick*.

In this town was also the manor of *Curson's*, or *Thursbie's*, but this I take to belong to the manor of *Stanhow*, that extended here, and I shall there treat of it.

The tenths were 3*l.* 10*s.* Deducted 10*s.*

BERWICK PARVA.

WILLIAM Earl WARREN had a manor in *Berwick*, which I take to be what is now called *Little Barwick*, and was held by *Simon* under that Earl; two freemen had been ejected at the conquest; one of them held under *Herold*, the King, and the other was only under the protection of *Frederic's* predecessor; to this there belonged a carucate of land, and 12 borderers, a carucate and an half amongst the men, &c. the moiety of a church with 10 acres, and one freeman was only under protection, with 60 acres of land, and 2 borderers, with half a carucate, valued in King *Edward's* time at 15*s.* at the survey at 20*s.*³

In the reign of *Henry III.* *Alexander de Ringstede* held the fourth part of a fee of the Earl *Warwick*, in *Berwick*.

In the 3d of *Henry IV.* *Adam Ryely* held it of the manor of *Castleacre*.

It is anciently said to have a church, and was a parish.

In 1701, *Anne Oatley*, *Anne* and *Elizabeth Sherwyn*, had an interest in it, and presented to the church.

The church of *Berwick Magna* was anciently a rectory, but appro-

³ H. de Dochinge, t're. Willi. de Warrenna—Simon tenet Beruuita, ii lib. ho'es. un. fuit ho. Heroldi, et alt. comd. tantu' antec. Fredrici qui h'nt. i car. t're. semp. xii bord. semp. i car. et dim.

i car. homiau' semp. i runc. tnc. xxx qvs. modo clx dim. ecclie x ac. et i lib. ho. comd. tantu' lx ac. t're. et ii bord. sep. dim. car. tc. val. xv sol. mo. xx.

priated to the priory of *Bokenham*, in or about 1177, and a vicarage was settled. The rector had a manse with 20 acres, and was valued at 9 marks; the vicarage at 40s. and had a manse, but no land. *Peter-pence 6d. ob.*

The present valor is 6*l.*

VICARS.

1304, *Adam de Ocle* instituted vicar, presented by the prior and convent of *Bokenham*.

1306, *Gero. de Bereford*. Ditto.

Roger de Brom.

1332, *John Porter*. Ditto.

1361, *John Atte Green*. Ditto.

1396, *Hugh Good*. Ditto.

1404, *John Scot*. Ditto.

1416, *John Carter*. Ditto.

1416, *John Northill*. Ditto.

1419, *William Ropere*. Ditto.

1428, *John Barker*. Ditto.

1434, *John Crakeshild*. Ditto.

John Hooker, buried in the chancel, 1448.

1448, *Edmund Tilney*. Ditto.

1469, *Robert Eleynd*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1478, *John Gardiner*, by the prior, &c.

1490, *William Snethe*. Ditto.

1493, *William Lovell*. Ditto.

1494, *Robert Glaswryght*. Ditto.

1500, *Thomas Barnsdale*. Ditto.

1512, *Richard Hecker*.

John Aleyn, occurs in 1555.

1574, *William Blower*, by the Queen.

1581, *James Becher*. Ditto.

1583, *Christopher Lowcock*, by *Roger Townsend*, Esq.

1587, *William Armisted*, by the assigns of *Roger Townsend*.

1599, *Humf. Thompson*, by *John Townsend*.

William Watts occurs in 1627.

1701, *Robert Hill*, by *Anne Ottley*, *Ann* and *Elizabeth Sherwyn*.

1760, *John Glen King*, by the King.

In 1511, it was proposed and brought into the Bishop of *Norwich's* court, to unite for ever this vicarage to the rectory of *Stanhaw*, on account of its meanness and poverty, there being then only one parishioner (as it is said) living therein, and the rector of *Stanhaw* was to have all the great and small tithes and profits of the said vicarage, paying yearly a pension of 40s. to the priory of *Bokenham*, at the feast of *St. Michael*, but it took no effect.

STANHOW.

Sir Thomas Ingaldesthorp, son of Sir Thomas, founded a chantry in the chapel of St. Thomas, for his father, mother, and brethren.

Besides the lordships aforesaid, I find Sir William Flete, Knt. and Margaret his wife, to grant and confirm to Alan Dodge of Dersingham, Thomas Palmer, John Doget, their heirs, and assigns, his messuage with the appertinances, a watermill in Snetesham late Thomas Chapes; with all the lands, meadows, pastures, fisheries, wards, marriages, reliefs, escheats, and sheep-folds in this town, Ingaldesthorp, Sharnborn, Freng, Secheford and Eton, late Thomas Chape's, to be held by them of the lords of the fee, dated at Snetesham on Wednesday after the feast of St. Peter, ad vincula, in the 22d of Richard II.

Soon after this Sir William Hode, and Margaret his wife, (probably the aforesaid lady,) conveyed it by fine to the aforesaid Alan for 100 marks of silver, on the morrow after St. Martin, Ao. 2 of Henry IV.

Here was also the manor of Dame Cecily, daughter of Richard de Snetesham, who gave lands, with many of her family to the priory, and is now held by the Stylemans.

STANHOW, OR THE STONY HILL.

THE principal lordship was held in the Confessor's time under Stigand Archbishop of Canterbury, by 12 freemen, on whose deposition the King granted it to his brother in law, Odo Bishop of Baieux, in France, and Earl of Kent; on whose rebellion against King William II. it was given by that King to William de Albini, his pincerna, or butler, whose descendants, Earls of Sussex and Arundel, were lords.

At the grand survey, Odo was lord, and consisted in Stigand's time of four carucates, and of 3 at the survey; all Stanhow was one leuca long, 4 furlongs broad, and paid 14d. $\frac{1}{2}$, to a 20s. gelt.*

On the death of Hugh Earl of Arundel, who died s. p. his great inheritance came to his 4 sisters and coheirs.

Sir Robert de Tateshale, who married Mabel the eldest, had this lordship and many others in her right, and the patronage of the church, belonging to it: Joan, relict of Sir Robert de Tateshale, junior, presented in 1315.

This Robert dying s. p. his estate was divided amongst his 3 sisters and coheirs; Emma, who married Sir Osbert de Caley; Joan, married Sir Robert de Driby, and Isabel, Sir John de Orreby.

In 1349, Sir Adam de Clifton, presented as heir to Caley's part; and in 1393, Sir Ralph Cromwell as heir to Driby's part, and Orreby's: in 1414, Constant. Clifton, Esq. presented by his feoffee, in

* Terre Ep. Baiocensis, H. de Doch- ing.—In Stanho xii lib. ho'es sub Stigando, T.R.E. tc. iiii car. et iiii p'. et

mo. iij totu' Stanho, ht. i leug'. in long. et iiii quar. in lat. et reddit xiiiiid. et i. obolu'. de xx sol. de gelt.

right of the third part of the manor and advowson. *Clifton's* part came to the *Knøets*, and *Cromwell's* to Sir *Humphrey Bouchier*, as appears from the presentations, and so to the *Clintons*.

In the 12th of *Henry VI.* Sir *John Clifton*, Sir *Robert Clifton*, &c. were querents. *Thomas Charles* and *Alice* his wife, deforciant, of messuages, a toft, 140 acres of land, 120 of pasture, 20s. rent, the liberty of 3 foldcourses in this town, *Berwick*, and *Bermere*.

In 1681, this lordship seems to be held by one lord, *John Bernard Esq.* of the Exchequer, who presented then to the church, and in 1700.

After this it was possessed by Sir *Robert Walpole*, who presented in 1731, and in that family it remains, the Earl of *Orford* being lord.

MARSHE'S, OR THE KING'S MANOR.

Aluric, a freeman, held under *Stigand*, the Archbishop, before the Conquest, one carucate of land; at the survey it was possessed by the King, when there were but two bovates, and one borderer belonged to it, was valued at 16s. *per ann.* and was a beruite to the King's manor of *Fakenham*.⁵

This was held of the King by grand serjeanty, the keeping, or finding a greyhound for the King's use, and two families had an interest therein, or each held a moiety.

Henry de Marisco, or *Marsh*, in the 6th of *Richard I.* gave 100s. to have the King's favour, and his lands here, and in the said reign *Robert de Mey* had an interest: his lands, in the 3d of that King, are said to be parcel of the King's demesns, and worth 20s. *per ann.*

William Mey, in the 34th of *Henry III.* was found to hold lands in this town and in *Causton*, by grand serjeanty, by finding a *bracheta* (greyhound), and *Margery le Mey* possessed it in the 55th, and about the said time *William Marche* held lands in demean by the same service.

The heirs of *William Mey*, and *William* son of *Bartholomew Marche* of *Stanho* were lords, and in 1308, *Robert Bedingfeld* and *Joan* his wife, (daughter as I take it of *Mey*.) there was then a capital messuage belonging to it, 100 acres, and 10s. rent of assise; in 1313, the jury find that the said *Joan* (whose right it was) had enfeoffed *William*, son of *Bartholomew de Stanhow*, and *Walter Marche*, and the heirs of *Walter*, of this manor, and that the possessors of it were exempted from serving on juries, and assises, &c.

In the 4th of *Edward III.* *William Marche* died lord of *Stanhow*, and *Walter*, was his son and heir, and *Walter*, son and heir of *Walter*, paid in the 34th of that King, 21s. 1d. relief.

Sir *William Marche* died in the 21st of *Richard II.* and *Thomas* was his son and heir, aged 20.

Thomas and *John March*, sons of Sir *William*, were found in the 2d of *Henry IV.* to have held the manor of *King's Hall*, alias *Marche*; and *Joan* was their sister and heir, married to *Thomas Chepstede*, and

⁵ Terra Regis—H. de Dochinge—
Stanho, tenuit Aluricus lib. ho. sub
Stigando T.R.E. i car. tre. tc. p. i car.

tre. et mo. ii bov. et i bor. et val. xvi
sol. et jacet in Phacham.

on the death of the said *Joan*, Ao. 32, of *Henry VI.* *Laurence Daniel* was her cousin and heir, and it came the next year to his son, *Thomas Daniel*, who was a gentleman of great trust and dignity, in that reign, governor, or constable of *Rising* castle, &c. and a knight in the 14th of *Edward IV.* whose son *Henry* inherited it.

In the 5th of *Edward VI.* a moiety of this lordship was conveyed by fine with a liberty of foldage, from *John Brace*, to *William More* and *Margaret* his wife, who in the 2d and 3d of *Philip* and *Mary*, conveyed it to *Thomas Barter*, and *Thomas Barter* left it to *Thomas* his eldest son, by *Anne* his wife, in the 35th of *Elizabeth*, who being under age, farmed it of the Queen in her 44th year at 15*l.* per ann.

In a window of the chancel were their arms, *gules*, a dragon, or *wyvern*, or, on a chief of the second, three lozenges, *azure*.

In the 44th of *Elizabeth*, *William Thurlby*, Gent. and *William Warner*, Gent. had a *præcipe* to deliver *Marches* manor to *Henry Curson*, Gent.

John Wilson, Esq. is lord, by his wife, daughter, and heir of - - - - *Arsdale*, Esq. of *Stanhow*, who bore *azure*, a chevron, *ermin*, between three.

CALTHORP'S MANOR.

William Earl Warren had the grant of a small fee out of which *Ulketel*, a freeman, was ejected, who held it under commendation, containing one carucate of land, and 3 borderers, valued at 20*s.*⁶

The family of *De Creke*, of *North Creek*, had an interest in it under the aforesaid Earl.

Robert de Creke, by his deed *sans* date, granted to *Strange*, wife of *Bartholomew de Kalethorp*, the wards of all his lands and tenements here, and in *Burnham*, till *Roger*, son and heir of the said *Bartholomew*, should be of age; to which *Philip de Burnham*, &c. were witnesses.

Sir *Bartholomew*, (son of Sir *Roger*,) who married *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of Sir *John Gestingthorp* of *Essex*, died lord in 1372; by his daughter and heir *Catherine*, it came to Sir *John Harsike* of *Southacre*, after to the *Dorwards* of *Essex*, by the marriage of the daughters and coheirs of Sir *Roger Harsike*, in the time of *Henry VI.*

Afterwards this came to the *Townsend*s in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, who were lords in the reigns of King *James*, and *Charles I.*

Sir *Ralph le Strange*, who lived in the reign of *Henry II.* had a lordship in this town, and by his daughter and coheir, *Maud*, came by marriage to Sir *Fulco de Oiry*, lord of *Gedney* in *Lincolnshire*; and by *Alice*, another of his daughters and coheirs, to *William de Bellomont*; whose daughter and coheir, *Ela*, brought it to Sir *Hervey de Stanhow*, who was lord in 1260, and a judge, held of the heirs of the *Albiny*s, and in a window of the chancel were the arms of Sir *Hervey*, or, three bars, *azure*, over all a bend, *gules*, and those of the Lord *Tateshall*.

⁶ H. de Doching—Terr. W. de War. dat. tant. i car. tre. et iii bord. semp. i ren.—Stanho, i lib. ho'. Ulketel com' car. et val. xx sol.

Sir *Walter Calthorp*, who married *Ela*, daughter and heir of Sir *Hervey*, were both living in the 14th of *Edward I.* and held this lordship, which continued many years in this family.

Sir *Philip Calthorp* dying seized of it in 1550, whose son *Philip* having no issue, his sister *Elizabeth* brought it by marriage to Sir *Henry Parker*, and from that family it came to the *Townsend*s, in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*. *Roger Townsend*, Esq. was lord in 1583. Sir *Roger Townsend* died lord in 1636, of *Eust Hall*, and of *Sherborn* manors, in *Stanhov*, as found by an inquisition, and of *Cursons*, alias *Thursby's* manor held of the King, in free soccage, as of the hundred of *Smethden*; *Henry Curson*, Gent. had a grant of it from *William Thursby*, in the 44th of *Elizabeth*.

John Wilson, Esq. of this town, was high sheriff of *Norfolk* in 1732.

It appears from the fees and tenures here, as they stand in *Domesday Book*, that *Edwin*, the *Dane*, to whom King *Canute* is said to give *Snetesham*, and a large uncultivated plain on the east of it, (supposed to have been what is now called *Stanhov*,) is a direct romance and fable, that no such person had any interest in it, and that it was a township well cultivated in the time of the Confessor, and held by *Saxon* lords, deprived at the Conquest.

The temporalities of *Buckenham* priory were, in 1428, 6s. 8d. *Walsingham* 5s. *Castleacre* 3s. 6d.

Lands belonging to *Thetford* priory were granted October 21, 10. 38 *Henry VIII.* to *Andrew Mansfield*.

The tenths were 9l. 10s. deducted 2l.

In this parish was an old chapel frequented by pilgrims in their way to *Walsingham*, dedicated to *St. Peter*.

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints*; in *Edward the First's* time, a manor and 5 acres belonged to the rectory, valued at 15 marks; paid *Peter-pence*. 12d. The present valor is 16l. pays tenths, &c. In 1603, the rector certified that there were 132 communicants.

Isabel Countess of *Arundel* was patroness in the 3d of *Edward I.*

RECTORS.

John de Albini occurs rector in the 6th of *Henry III.*

In 1315, *Robert de Winfarthing* instituted rector, presented by *Joan*, relict of *Robert de Tateshale*, junior.

1333, *Hugh de Foxley*. Ditto.

1349, *John de Methelwold*, by *Adam de Clifton*, Kt.

1367, *Nicholas de Creyk*, by the King, guardian of the heir of Sir *Adam*.

1393, *John Cotes*, by Sir *Ralph Cromwell*, Knt.

1403, *William Springman*, by the Lady *Maud Cromwell*.

1414, *Maur. Tournay*, by *John Drew*, tefee of *Constant. Clifton*, Esq. in right of his 3d turn, or part of the advowson.

1415, *Thomas Pytecok*, by the Lady *Maud Cromwell*.

1424, *Robert Bassage*, by *Ralph Lord Cromwell*.

1436, *Richard Langgerd*, by Sir *John Clifton*, Knt.

1438, *Robert Courtier*, by *Sir Humphrey Bouchier* Lord Cromwell.

1475, *John Aiskerth*, by *John Knevet*, Esq. and *William* his son.

1481, *William Radclyff*, by *Robert Radclyff*, Esq.

1520, *Robert Tylor*, by *Sir Thomas Wyndham*, and *Sir Robert Drury*, in right of a 2d turn.

1543, *John Adamson*, by *Sir Thomas L'Estrange*, assignee of *Robert Knevet*, Esq.

1554, *Laurence Ashworth*, by *Edward Fynes* Lord Clynton.

1572, *Robert Leadall*. Ditto

1612, *Edward Hampton*, by *Sir Philip Knevet*, Bart.

1634, *Thomas White*, by *Theophilus* Earl of Lincoln.

1638, *George Beck*. Ditto.

Thomas Potter occurs rector, 1651.

1660, *Thomas Bishop*, by the assigns of *Theoph.* Earl of Lincoln.

1681, *Thomas Sedgwick*, by *John Bainard*, Esq.

1700, *Nathaniel Hill*. Ditto.

1704, *Robert Hill*, by *Nathaniel Hill*, clerk; he wrote a discourse on the 4th commandment, in 1728.

1731, *George Jacob*, by *Sir Robert Walpole*.

1760, *Briggs Cary*, collated by the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, a lapse.

In the middle isle lies a gravestone for *John Tracy*, but no inscription.

At the west end of the church on a brass plate,

Orate p. aid Tho. Couper, 1518.

On a gravestone in the chancel,

Tho. Sedgwick, A. M. hujus ecclie. Rr. obt. 1699.

S E D G E F O R D,

So called, as *Spelman* says, from its site on a *reedy*, or *sedgy ford*: in *Domesday Book*, it is wrote *Setesford*, as set on a ford, or a river called the *Set*, or *Snet*. Earl *Gyrthe*, one of King *Harold's* brothers, was lord of it, who being slain at the battle of *Hastings*, King *William* granted it to *William de Beaufoe* his chancellor, who was lord of it, and Bishop of *Norwich*, when the book aforesaid was made, and held by him as a lay free, and his proper inheritance.

It consisted in Earl *Guert's* time of 3 carucates in demean, and 15 acres, 15 villains, 39 borderers, 5 servi, and 8 acres of meadow. The tenants had 5 carucates, paunage for 60 swine, 4 mills, 300 sheep, &c. one beruite called *Frengc*, to which there belonged a carucate in demean, and 7 villains, and there were 2 socmen who held a carucate and a half, and 7 borderers; *Agelmer*, bishop, made of this a beruite; the other socman had 4 borderers, and there was a freeman who