

# 1. Parish: Burgh

**Meaning:** A fort or fortified place (Ekwall)

**2. Hundred: Carlford**

**Deanery:** Carlford ( - 1972), Woodbridge (1972 - )

**Union:** Woodbridge

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

Other administrative details:

Woodbridge Petty Sessional Division and County Court District

**3. Area:** 1242 acres (1912)

**4. Soils:**

Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils. Slight risk water erosion

**5. Types of farming:**

1086		22 acres meadow, 2 oxen, 2 cob, 12 cattle, 27 pigs, 67 sheep, 12 goats, 5 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.
1818	Marshall:	Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, beans
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

**6. Enclosure:**

**7. Settlement:**

1958 Small dispersed settlement along SW boundary. Church situated at extreme NW edge of settlement and on NW boundary. Disused airfield occupies large area in northern sector of parish.

Few scattered farms  
Inhabited houses: 1674 – 25, 1801 – 35, 1851 – 57, 1871 – 61, 1901  
– 50, 1951 – 55, 1981 – 66

## 8. **Communications:**

Road: Roads to Grundisburgh and Clopton  
1844 Carrier recorded as resident  
1891 Carriers pass through to Ipswich and Woodbridge  
Rail: 1891 3½ mile Woodbridge station: Ipswich – Lowestoft line,  
opened (1859). 3 miles Little Bealings station: Ipswich –  
Lowestoft line, opened (1859), station closed for  
passengers (1956), closed for goods (1965)  
Air: Debach airfield: built by US Army (1943/44), used as POW  
holding camp (circa 1945), later accommodated displaced  
persons

## 9. **Population:**

1086 — 75 recorded  
1327 — 36 taxpayers paid £2. 19s. (includes Grundisburgh)  
1524 — 22 taxpayers paid £2. 13s. 6d.  
1603 — 80 adults  
1674 — 28 households  
1676 — Not recorded  
1801 — 222 inhabitants  
1831 — 252 inhabitants  
1851 — 296 inhabitants  
1871 — 271 inhabitants  
1901 — 211 inhabitants  
1931 — 210 inhabitants  
1951 — 175 inhabitants  
1971 — 161 inhabitants  
1981 — 191 inhabitants

## 10. **Benefice: Rectory**

1254 Valued £8  
1291 Valued £8  
Portion of Bromholm in same 5s. £8. 5s.  
1535 Valued £8. 3s. 4d.  
1831 Glebe house. Gross income £250 p.a. Incumbent also  
holds Rectory of Sotterley  
Valued £247 p.a. (1835)  
1844 Neat residence + 7 acres 3R glebe  
Tithes commuted for £356 p.a. (circa 1844)  
1912 Nett value £185 p.a. 6 acres glebe and residence.  
Incumbent pays yearly quittance of 13s. 4d. to Earl of  
Stradbroke as Lord of Bruisyard manor (no actual dates)

Patrons: Michael Hare (1603), M. Barne (1831), Col. St. John Barne (1891), Capt. Miles Barne (1915)

11. **Church** **St. Botolph**  
(Chancel, nave, S. porch, tower)

1086 Church + 8 acres  
14<sup>th</sup> cent. Tower  
15<sup>th</sup> cent. Nave and chancel

**Seats:** 150 (1915)

12. **Nonconformity etc:**

13. **Manorial:**

**Burgh Hall**

1066 Manor of 1 carucate 20 acres held by Aethelric, a free man  
1086 Manor of 1 carucate 20 acres belonging to William of Warenne  
13<sup>th</sup> cent. John de Crek owns  
14<sup>th</sup> cent. Ralph de Ufford owns  
1447 Robert Fynes owns  
Circa 1570 Henry, Lord Norris owns (linked to Benacre)  
1621 William Blois owns (linked to Culpho, Hasketon and Grundisburgh)  
1771 Brampton Gurdon Dillingham owns (linked to Culpho and Grundisburgh)  
1855 John Fitzgerald Purcell owns  
1896 Robert Holmes White owns (linked to Boulge)

**Sub-Manors:**

**Thistleton Hall**

1066 Manor of 50 acres held by 1 free man under patronage of St. Etheldreda  
1086 Manor of 50 acres belonging to Roger of Poitou and held by Arnold  
1066 Manor of 60 acres held by Wulfmer under patronage of St. Etheldreda  
1086 Manor of 60 acres belonging to the Abbot of St. Etheldreda  
This had become one manor by 13<sup>th</sup> cent. and Hervey de Thistleden owned  
1564 Thomas Rous owns (linked to Clopton)  
1599 John Clench owns (linked to Great Bealings and Holbrook)  
Circa 1759 John Brand owns

## **Cleve's al Blonvilles**

1621 Possibly held by William Blois (absorbed by main manor)

### **14. Markets/Fairs**

### **15. Real property:**

1844 £2,182 rental value  
1891 £1,711 rateable value  
1912 £1,460 rateable value

### **16. Land ownership:**

1844/1891 Land sub-divided  
1912 J. Symonds, principle owner

### **17. Resident gentry:**

1679 Daniel Clench  
1912 Rev. A. Maude MA and Commander S. Smith RN

### **18. Occupations:**

1500-1549 1 husbandman  
1550-1599 3 yeoman, 1 husbandman  
1600-1649 6 yeomen, 1 husbandman, 1 mariner  
1650-1699 6 yeomen, 1 clerk, 1 spinster  
1831 55 in agriculture, 10 in retail trade, 1 professional, 2 in labouring, 16 in domestic service, 4 others  
1844 Corn miller, 2 boot/shoemakers, 11 farmers  
1912 Sub-postmaster, market gardener/grocer, blacksmith, miller, 6 farmers, boot repairer, 2 farm bailiffs

### **19. Education:**

1818 1 Sunday school (35 attend)  
1833 1 daily school (25 attend), 1 Sunday school (62 attend)  
School board formed (1873) for parishes of Burgh & Grundisburgh  
Children attend school in Grundisburgh (1875)

### **20. Poor relief:**

1776 £44. 8s. 8d. spent on poor relief  
1803 £94. 13s. 4d. spent on poor relief  
1818 £398. 6s. spent on poor relief  
1830 £423. 14s. spent on poor relief  
1832 £423. 5s. spent on poor relief

1834            £518. 1s.            spent on poor relief

**21. Charities:**

**Town Lands:**

1840            13 acres 0R 5P let at £10. 11s. 6d. p.a. applied to repair of cottages/town house, church and other churchwardens expenses

**Barlow's Bequest:**

1912            by will of Edmund Barlow: Interest on £500

**Dawson's Bequest:**

1912            by will of Rev. Benjamin Dawson: Interest on £200 for distribution in coals

**22. Other institutions:**

**23. Recreation:**

**24. Personal:**

**25. Other information:**

Thistleton Hall: (16<sup>th</sup>. Cent) brick house, demolished 1940's  
Castle Field (W. of church) site of Roman building overlying I.A.  
occupation site. Shows traces of entrenchment on 3  
sides. 300 yards x 225 yards. NE angle has remains of  
mound (circular fosse). Plan see Victoria County History  
Vol. I p.587

Suggested possible alternative site to Brettenham for Roman  
'Combretonium'.

'Burgh, Nr. Woodbridge' by Rev. J.J. Raven PSIA Vol. IX p.332

**Archaeological Sites**

Sax. House platform/pottery (CRN 3280)

I.A. excavation/settlement (CRN 3281)

Rom. Excavation/villa site (CRN 3282)

Rom. Hypocaust/human remains (CRN 3286)

Med. moated sites (CRN 3283, 3284, 3285)

Stray finds: Neo. Stone axe (CRN 3287)

B.A. axe (CRN 3288)