

1. Parish: Easton

Meaning: Eastern homestead/village

2. Hundred: Loes

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Union: Plomesgate

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

Other administrative details:

Blything Petty Sessional Division
Framlingham and Saxmundham County Court District

3. Area: 1,477 acres land, 7 acres water (1912)

4. Soils:

- Mixed:**
- a. Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion
 - b. Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay soils

5. Types of farming:

1086		Domesday vill of Martley: 11 acres meadow, 1 cob, 1 cattle, 9 pigs, 17 sheep, 30 goats
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Wood-pasture region. Mainly pasture, meadow, engaged in rearing and dairying with some pigs 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, beans, hay
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet
1971	Crops:	Wheat, barley, sugar beet, potatoes, maize, oats, beans, kale and mangolds
	Livestock:	534 cattle, 109 pigs

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1958 River Deben forms natural boundary to west and south. Eastern Park occupies large portion of central sector of parish. Small ribbon type development which follows lone of southern edge of park, the growth of which probably influenced development. Church situated either within or on the extreme southern edge of park. Few scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 45, 1801 – 76, 1851 – 97, 1871 – 153, 1901 – 133, 1951 – 152, 1981 – 150

8. Communications:

Road: To Framlingham, Letheringham, Kettleburgh, Hacheston and Parham
1844 Carrier to Ipswich on Saturday
1891 Carrier to Woodbridge Thursday and Saturday
1912 Carrier to Woodbridge passes through from Letheringham on Thursday

Rail: 1891 3 miles Wickham Market station: Wickham Market–Framlingham line opened 1859, closed for passengers 1952, closed for goods 1965
Ipswich–Lowestoft line opened 1859, still operational

Water: River Deben

9. Population:

1086 – 2 recorded
Domesday vill of Martley: 45 recorded
1327 – 38 taxpayers paid £2 4s. 5d. (includes Kettleburgh)
1524 – 18 taxpayers paid £2 16s. 6d.
1603 – 109 adults
1674 – 44 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 304 inhabitants
1831 – 362 inhabitants
1851 – 404 inhabitants
1871 – 366 inhabitants
1901 – 378 inhabitants
1931 – 284 inhabitants
1951 – 272 inhabitants
1971 – 292 inhabitants
1981 – 302 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory

1254 Valued £10

1291	Valued £12 Portion of chapel of Sogenhoe 15s. <u>£12 15s. 0d.</u>
1535	Valued £10 18s. 6d.
1674	Parsonage has six hearths
1831	Curate, stipend £70. Glebe house unfit for occupation. Gross income £262 p.a. Incumbent also holds rectory of Trimley St. Martin.
1835	Valued £242
1844	18 acres glebe. Tithes commuted for £321 5s. p.a.
1891	Valued £320. 25 acres glebe
1912	Nett value £170. 25 acres glebe and residence

Patrons:

Sir Anthonie Wingfield (1603), Duke of Hamliton (1831), Marchioness of
Graham (1912)

- 11. Church** All Saints
(Chancel, nave, south porch, west tower)
- 1086 Domesday vill of Martley: Church and 12 acres, valued
2s.
- 13th cent. Base of tower
- 14/15th cent. Main structure
- 1643 Puritanical Vandals (William Dowsing) destroyed 1
inscription in brass and 16 superstitious pictures, ordered
removal of 3 crosses and steps to be levelled.
- Note: Church stands within Easton Park. Park well abuts tower
enclosing north porch thus giving private entrance to
owners of the park.
- Seats:** 250 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

Udenominational church 1930's, known as Old Kingdom
Hall 1981

13. Manorial:

Easton Manor

- c.1273 Sir William Charles owns (linked to Kettlesburgh and
Bentley)
- c.1481 Sir John Wingfield owns (linked to Wilby and Laxfield)
- 1677 Sir Henry Wingfield owns
- c.1677 William Henry Nassau owns (linked to Iken, Hoo and
Wickham Market)

1831 Alexander Hamilton Douglas, Duke of Hamilton and Brandon (linked to Letheringham, Gt. Glemham, Hacheston, Hoo and Kettleburgh)

Sub-Manors:

Martley Hall

1066 Domesday vill of Martley: manor of 80 acres held by Brictrmer under patronage of Harold
1086 Manor of 80 acres belonging to Harvey of Bourges
13th cent. Hugh Peche owns (linked to Grundisburgh, Gt. Bealings and Kedington)
Consisted of a messuage, 26 acres land, 2 acres meadow, 2½ acres wood
1364 John Easton owns
c.1548 Sir Anthony Wingfield owns (probably absorbed by main manor) (linked to Hoo, Bradfield, Debach, Dallinghoo, Hollesley, Pettistree and Wickham Market)

14. Markets/Fairs:

Fair held on Hollowmas Day 1618

15. Real property:

1844 £2,335 rental value
1891 £2,235 rateable value
1912 £1,655 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844 Land sub-divided
1891 Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, principle owner
1912 Marchioness of Graham, principle owner

17. Resident gentry:

1679 Allen Cotton
1844 Duke of Hamilton
1891 Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, and Rev. W.W. Wood BA
1912 Marquis and Marchioness of Graham, and Rev. A.R. Hoare BA

18. Occupations:

1500–1549 1 husbandman
1550–1599 4 yeomen, 2 mariners, 1 miller, 1 twill weaver
1600–1649 10 yeomen, 5 husbandmen, 1 tailor, 1 blacksmith, 2 labourers, 1 weaver

1650–1699	6 yeomen, 2 husbandmen, 1 maltster, 1 blacksmith, 1 mercer, 1 spinster
1831	61 in agriculture, 24 in retail trade, 2 in labouring, 15 in domestic service
1844	Shopkeeper, cooper, wheelwright, grocer/draper, tailor, blacksmith, victualler, land agent, 2 shoemakers, hedge carpenter, 9 farmers
1912	Sub-postmistress, school teachers, 2 farm bailiffs, head gardener, 2 farmers, publican, blacksmith, stud groom, carpenter, tailor, land agent, shopkeeper, clerk of works, bootmaker, kennel huntsman to the Easton harriers

19. Education:

Parish school built 1851/52
Public Elementary school built 1891 by Duke of Hamilton, average attendance 1912 85

20. Poor relief:

1776	£94 5s. 8d.
1803	£188 11s. 6d.
1818	£480 15s.
1830	£509 15s.
1832	£514 16s.
1834	£395 1s.

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

Club House and Reading Room c.1884
Village Hall c.1981

23. Recreation:

1844–1912 The White Horse public house
Point-to-point race run on Framlingham Field 1910–1920

24. Personal:

Thomas Short: 1635–1685, born in parish, celebrated physician
James Clarke: b.1798, born in parish, antiquary

25. Other information:

Hall/White House built: 1627 by Anthony Wingfield, believed to be built on site of former Medieval manor house, restored c.1830, demolished 1925. Stood in parkland of 150 acres (1844).

Photo of hall in 'East Suffolk Illustrated by H. Barker 1908.

Easton Farm Park: contains pack of harriers (29 couples), stabling for 120 horses, a breeding stud of 30/40 thoroughbred mares and stud for prize winning Suffolk cart horses 1891.

Model/toy farm established 1875 which included cattle, swine and poultry.

Dairy farm established 1870 by Duke of Hamilton.

Converted to Easton Farm Park and opened to public 1974 based on ideas of James Kerr.

'Easton, Suffolk' by J. Packard 1972, gives field and meadow names and field shown on tithe map 1837.

'Easton: Deben Valley Place Names' 1977.

Brickworks 1950.

Hall used as army hospital and troop depot 1914–1918.