

1. Parish : Elveden

Meaning: Swan valley

2. **Hundred:** Lackford

Deanery: Fordwich (–1862), Fordwich (Suffolk) (1862–1884)
Mildenhall (1884–)

Union: Mildenhall

RDC/UDC: Mildenhall RD (–1974), Forest Heath DC (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Lackford Petty Sessional Division
Mildenhall County Court District

3. **Area:** 5,508 acres of land (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed: a. Some well drained calcareous sandy sols. Risk wind erosion
b. Deep well drained sandy soils. Some very acid especially under heath/woodland. Risk wind erosion

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		Fishery, 2 cobs, 4 cattle, 30 pigs, 725 sheep, 107 goats, 1 horse
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Sheep-corn region, sheep main fertilising agent, bred for fattening. Barley main cash crop.
1818	Marshall:	Management varies with condition of sandy soils. Rotation usually turnip, barley, clover, wheat or turnips as preparation for corn and grass.
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, rye, turnips
1969	Trist:	Barley and sugar beet are the main crops with some rye grown on poorer lands and a little wheat, herbage seeds and carrots Dairy herd

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

1958 Line of the Icknield Way forms eastern boundary.
Majority of parish taken up by Elveden Park and

plantation. Two small areas of development at the school and Broom Close.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 24, 1801 – 13, 1851 – 42, 1871 – 56, 1901 – 100, 1951 – 117, 1981 – 116

8. Communications:

Roads: To Barton Mills, Brandon, Thetford, Culford
1891 Carrier to Thetford daily

Rail: 1891 3½ miles Thetford station: opened 1845,
Thetford to Swaffham line opened
1866/1869, closed for passengers
1964, closed for goods 1965.

Water: Little Ouse river, made navigable by Acts
designed to improve navigation 1670, although
there is some evidence to suggest the river was
used for trade purposes earlier than this. Decline
due to rail transport and general silting of the river
c.1950

9. Population:

1086 – 40 recorded
1327 – 16 taxpayers paid £3 4s. 7½d
1524 – 27 taxpayers paid £1 17s.
1603 – 84 adults
1674 – 28 households
1676 – 77 adults
1801 – 134 inhabitants
1831 – 248 inhabitants
1851 – 238 inhabitants
1871 – 285 inhabitants
1901 – 459 inhabitants
1931 – 370 inhabitants
1951 – 422 inhabitants
1971 – 367 inhabitants
1981 – 326 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory

1254	Valued £8. Portion to Rector of Kenet 5s. To monks manor £5 Portion of St. Saviours £1	<u>£14 5s.</u>
1291	Valued £13 6s. 8d	
1535	Valued £12 17s. 6d	
1831	Glebe house.	
1840	Modus awarded of £300 p.a.	
1887	26 acres glebe. Rent charge of £312 5s. on lieu of tithes	

Patrons: Sir Edward Cleare (1603), William Newton (1831), Viscount Iveagh (1918)

11. Church **Saints Andrew and Patrick**

(Chancel, nave, N. aisle, S. porch, W. tower plus full-sized statues of angels)

1086 1 church plus 15 acres land, 1 church plus 15 acres land, 1 church plus 15 acres free land, 1 church plus 15 acres free land (this probably refers to just one church with several parcels of land)

13th cent. Tower, Norman nave

14th cent. S. chapel

15th cent. S. aisle

17th cent. Internal alterations

1869/1906 Restoration

1869 Enlarged by Prince Duleep Singh

1906 Chancel rebuilt. N. aisle added by Caroe

1922 New S. tower added, connected to old church by cloister walk.

Note: Stands in Elveden Park. "It reflects the development of church architecture over six hundred years" Suffolk Churches by Cautley

12. Nonconformity etc:

13. Manorial:

1066 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Leofgeat and held under patronage of Withgar

1066/1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging Abbot of St. Edmunds

1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Count Eustace

1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Richard, son of Count Gilbert

Elveden Manor

1252/1280 Sir Richard de Larling has charter of free warren

1286 William de Gonvile owns

1342 Rushworth College, Cambridge owns

1541 Henry, Earl of Surrey owns

c.16th cent. Inquis p.m. of Sir Richard Clere values estate £26 14s. 2d.

1786 Rt. Hon. Augustus, Viscount Keppel owns

1813 William Newton owns

1863 Prince Duleep Singh owns (linked to Eriswell)

1870's Viscount Iveagh owns (linked to Eriswell, Icklingham and Wangford)

Sub-Manors:

Stanes al Mones Hall

1086	Belonging to Abbot of St. Edmunds (see previously)
1540	Thomas, Duke of Norfolk owns (linked to Santon Downham, Falkenham, Felixstowe, Kirton and Hollesley)
1549	Sir Richard Palmerston owns (absorbed by main manor)

Gelham al Hastings

1360	Deed in British Museum by which manor of Gelham Halle is assured by William de Scothoue to Peter Rolfe (sometime parson of Fakenham)
1390	Given as gift of Peter Rolf to College of Rushworth – absorbed by main manor

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£1,641 rental value
1891	£2,077 rateable value
1912	£2,793 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844	William Newton, Elveden Hall, sole owner
1891	Prince Duleep Singh, sole owner
1912	Viscount Iveagh sole owner

17. Resident gentry:

1844	William Newton
1863	Prince Duleep Singh
1874–1967	Lord Iveagh

18. Occupations:

1086	Fishery
1550–1549	1 priest
1550–1599	2 shepherds, 4 husbandmen, 1 parson, 1 yeoman, 1 clerk
1600–1649	4 shepherds, 1 husbandman, 2 yeomen
1650–1699	5 shepherds, 2 husbandmen, 3 yeomen
1831	49 in agriculture, 3 in retail/handicrafts, 1 professional, 1 in labouring, 19 in domestic service, 2 others
1844	Rabbit warren of 1,000 acres Shopkeeper, constable, victualler, baker/gamekeeper, steward, farmer/warrener
1912	Sub-postmaster, school mistress, fire brigade, head gardener, beer retailer, district nurse, head forester,

stationer, head gamekeeper, shopkeeper, clerk of works to Elveden Estate, 3 clerks to Estate Office, electrician, home farm manager

19. Education:

- 1818 1 day school (20–25 attend), 1 Sunday school (20–25 attend)
1833 1 daily school aided by Mrs Newton of Elveden Hall (30 attend)
1891 1 Sunday school (42 attend)
1891 School partly supported by Prince Duleep Singh (45 attend). In winter houses adult evening classes
1899 Public Elementary School built by Viscount Iveagh, average attendance 1912 95

20. Poor relief:

- 1776 £43 14s. 6d.
1803 £100 15s 6d.
1818 £114 13s.
1830 £99 10s.
1832 £98.
1834 £131 18s.

21. Charities:

Jays Charity – Poors Land

- 1840 2 rods let at £9 4s. p.a. plus £3 from tithes distributed to poor at Christmas

22. Other institutions:

- 1472 Guild of St Andrew
1899 Fire station built (21 men)
1912 Reading room with library
1984 Estate fire engine sold

23. Recreation:

- 1844 The Albemarle Arms public house
1891/1912 1 beer retailer

24. Personal:

- Admiral Keppel: created Viscount Keppel of Elveden after displaying great skill and courage during naval battles 1782. Title extinct 1796
Prince Duleep Singh: 'Queen Victoria's Maharajah' by Michael Alexander relates story

Lord Iveagh: Chairman of Chadacre Agricultural Institute, Chairman, of Arthur Guinness and Sons & Co. Ltd, M.P. for Haggerston and Southend 1874–1967.

25. Other information:

Prince Duleep Singh, formerly Maharajah of the Punjab, India 1863.
'The Elveden Enterprise', by George Martelli 1951 – charts the agricultural advances of the estate from 1800 – 1950.

'Memoirs of a Gamekeeper', by T.W. Turner 1868–1953.

Elveden Hall:

Originally built c.1768 by Viscount Keppel. Rebuilt 1870 by Duleep Singh in Indian style, enlarged 1899–1904 by Viscount Iveagh.

King Edward VII and George V frequent visitors.

Total estate comprises 23,000 acres.

Used as USAF HQ 1939–45.

Contents of Hall sold by Christies realising approximately £5.4 million 1984.

Collection of Suffolk manuscripts bought for the county 1987.

War memorial erected on Newmarket–Thetford road 1921 (Designed by Clyde Young).

First tank trials held on estate prior to use on the Somme 1916.

Estate once renowned for its shooting parties, now best known for its forestry.