

# 1. Parish: Grundisburgh

**Meaning:** Fort at 'Grund' or fort at site of a former building.

**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 Country Court District.

**3. Area:** 1,909 acres (1912).

**4. Soils:**

- Mixed
- a. Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils, slight risk of water erosion.
  - b. Deep well drained sandy often ferruginous soils, risk of wind and water erosion.

**5. Types of farming:**

1086		17 acres meadow, 3 cobs, 6 cattle, 16 pigs, 70 sheep, 3 beehives.
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Sheep-corn region, where sheep are main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening. Barley main cash crop. Also has similarities with wood pasture region with pasture, meadow, dairying and some pig keeping.
1818	Marshall:	Wide variation of crop and management Techniques including summer fallow in Preparation for corn and rotation of turnip, barely, clover, wheat on lighter lands.
1937	Main crops:	Grain, beet, turnips.
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar Beet.

**6. Enclosure:**

**7. Settlement:**

1958 Large compact development around centrally situated

church with settlement extensions along roads to Otley, Culpho and Burgh. Few scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 49, 1801 – 130, 1851 – 187, 1871 – 192, 1901 – 176, 1951 – 245, 1981 – 451.

## 8. Communications:

Road: To Culpho, Hasketon, Otley, Clopton and Burgh.  
1891 Carriers to Woodbridge Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. To Ipswich Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.  
1912 Carriers to Woodbridge Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. To Ipswich daily.

Rail: 1891 2 miles Little Bealings station: Ipswich–Lowestoft line opened 1859, closed for passengers 1956, closed for goods 1965.

## 9. Population:

1086 – 52 recorded  
1327 – 36 taxpayers paid £2 19s. (includes Burgh)  
1524 – 31 taxpayers paid £2 16s. 2d.  
1603 – 124 adults  
1674 – 65 households  
1676 – Not recorded  
1801 – 641 inhabitants  
1831 – 835 inhabitants  
1851 – 801 inhabitants  
1871 – 824 inhabitants  
1901 – 715 inhabitants  
1931 – 756 inhabitants  
1951 – 825 inhabitants  
1971 – 1,052 inhabitants  
1981 – 1,237 inhabitants

## 10. Benefice: Rectory

1254 Valued £13 6s. 8d.  
1291 Valued £16 13s. 4d.  
Portion of Chapel Sogenhoe 15s. £17 8s. 4d.  
1535 Valued £17 11s. 3d.  
1831 Glebe house. Gross income £485 p.a.  
Valued £472 p.a. Tithes commuted for £542 13s 4d.  
1835. Residence built 1882  
1891 47 acres 2R 38P glebe.  
1912 Nett value £360 p.a. 46 acres glebe and residence.

**Patrons:** Robert Gossenold (1603), Trinity College, Cambridge (1831–).

**11. Church**      St. Mary

14/15<sup>th</sup> cent. Main structure.  
1527 Small chapel added.  
1731/1751 Brick porch tower built (previous tower having falling  
Down - no dates).  
1891 Restoration

Seats: 280 (1915)

**12. Nonconformity etc:**

1606 1 person died Ipswich for religious beliefs 1558.  
3 recusant papists.  
1603 4 recusants.  
1644 Rev. Edward Barton ejected by Suffolk Committee for  
Scandalous Ministers for neglecting his parish, only  
Residing in the parish long enough each year to benefit  
from the profits of the living.  
Baptist chapel built 1789, enlarged 1810, seats 800,  
Baptist articles of association 1808.

**13. Manorial:**

1066 Manor of 60 acres held by 1 free man.  
1086 Manor of 60 acres belonging to Earl Hugh.  
1066 Manor of 60 acres held by Bricnoth, a free man of St.  
Etheldreda.  
1086 Manor of 60 acres belonging to Roger of Poitou.  
1066 Manor of 1 carucate 30 acres held by Algar, a free man of  
St. Etheldreda.  
1086 Manor of 1 carucate 30 acres belonging to the Abbot of  
St. Etheldreda.  
1066 Manor of 1 carucate held by Godric, a free man of  
Harolds.  
1086 Manor of 1 carucate belonging to the Hervey of Bourges.

**Grundisburgh Hall**

1270 Sir Hugh Peche owns (linked to Great Bealings and  
Keddington).  
c.1310 Sir Robert de Tuddenham owns (linked to Great  
Bealings and Kesgrave).  
c.1528 Sir Edmund Bedingfield owns (linked to Hasketon,  
Knettishall and Kedington).  
1609 Robert Gosnold owns (linked to Witnesham).  
1688 Sir William Blois owns (linked to Culpho and Hasketon).  
19<sup>th</sup> cent. Brampton Gurdon Dillingham owns (linked to Burgh and  
Cuplho).  
1909 Lord Cranworth owns (linked to Culpho).

**14. Markets/Fairs:**

Sir Hugh Peche claimed right to market and fair 1284/85.  
Claimed market held every Tuesday and fair during the whole of  
Whitsun-week 1285.  
Both long obsolete 1844.

**15. Real property:**

1844	£2,844 rental value
1891	£3,387 rateable value
1912	£2,784 rateable value

**16. Land ownership:**

1844/1891	Land sub-divided.
1912	Lord Cranworth, principal owner.

**17. Resident gentry:**

1679	Sir William Bloys (has house with 14 hearths 1674).
1844	Rev. G.E. Webster, B. Gurdon.
1891	M.H. Schunck, and Sir W.B. Gurdon.
1912	Lord Cranworth JP, W.W. Hunt JP, Col. C. Thomson, Rev. E.W. South MA, Rev. R.F. Taylor MA.

**18. Occupations:**

1500–1549	5 husbandmen.
1550–1599	6 yeomen, 2 husbandmen.
1600–1649	11 yeoman, 2 wheelwrights, 2 tailors, 1 thatcher, 1 labourer.
1650–1699	10 yeoman, 1 miller, 1 husbandman, 1 weaver, 1 spinster, 1 inn holder.
1831	125 in agriculture, 55 in retail trade, 8 professionals, 2 in labouring, 32 in domestic service, 11 others.
1844	2 surgeons, grocer/drapers, tailor, corn miller, schoolmistress, corn dealer/shopkeeper, 2 beerhouse keepers, chimney sweep, basket maker/cooper, 2 victuallers, seedsman/corn dealer, day/boarding school owner, plumber/glazier, 2 blacksmiths, 2 boot/shoemakers, 2 bricklayers, 3 butchers, 10 farmers, 4 joiners, 2 tailors.
1912	Sub-postmaster, schoolmaster, police officer, livery stables, 12 farmers, general smith, butcher, matron of children's home, beer retailer, builder/general smith/undertaker, threshing machine owner, carrier, wheelwright, grocer/drapers, smith, baker/cab proprietor/carrier, boot/shoemaker, 2 farm bailiffs, asst. overseer, corn/coal dealer, bricklayer, 3 publicans, basket

maker, saddler, grocer/draper, miller, nurse, chimney sweep, harness maker/news agent, librarian.

## 19. Education:

1597	Schoolmaster recorded.
1818	2 days schools (38 attend), 6 small day schools (90 attend), 1 Sunday school (established church) (50 attend), 1 Dissenters Sunday school (150 attend).
1833	2 daily schools (83 attend), 2 day and boarding schools (68 attend) 1 Sunday school (established church) (70 attend), 1 Baptist Sunday school (75 attend).
1844	Schoolmistress listed. Day and boarding school owned by Edward Robinson recorded. School Board formed for Grundisburgh and Burgh 1873. School built 1875, 200 attend 1891, enlarged 1895, average attendance 1912 of 160.

## 20. Poor relief:

1776	£133 5s. 2d.
1803	£278 2s. 7d.
1818	£907 10s.
1830	£833
1832	£714 7s.
1834	£699 15s.

## 21. Charities:

### Town Estate

16<sup>th</sup> cent. Rev. John Yate. Cottages + 28 acres vested in feoffees. Rents and profits to benefit of parish.

### Robert Thinge's Charity

1730 Will of Robert Thinge. Rent charge of 52s. p.a. to provision of 1s. worth of bread weekly to poor.

### Lucock's Charity

by will of John Lucock: Dividends on £300 of stocks, distributed in bread, coals and to support of Sunday school. Dividends amount to £11 7s. 2d. p.a. 1840.

### Dawson Bequest

1912 by will of Samuel Taylor Dawson.  
Interest on £200 to supply coals to  
the needy.

**22. Other institutions:**

Guilds recorded 1524.  
Village Club and Institute established 1877, enlarged 1885, rebuilt  
and enlarged by 1890. Upper floor used as parish rooms.  
Parish rooms built 1891, given facelift 1982.  
Gurdon Lodge of Odd Fellows held at Dog Inn 1912.  
Police officer listed 1912.  
Childrens cottage home 1912.  
Parish council 1912.

**23. Recreation:**

1844/1891 2 beerhouses, The Dog Inn and The Half Moon public  
houses.  
1912 1 beer retailer, The Dog Inn, The Half Moon and The Sun  
public houses.  
1 inn holder recorded 1687.

**24. Personal:**

Walle founder of chapel in church, Salter of City of London c.15/16 cent.  
Alice Driver: Religious martyr, died Ipswich 1558.  
'Basts': timber-framed c.1520, built for Thomas Walle (a Salter of the City of  
London).  
Grundisburgh hall c.1500, 19<sup>th</sup> cent. alterations, stands in well wooded park  
and pleasure grounds of 50 acres 1912. House contains pre-Reformation hall.  
'Grundisburgh', PSIA Vol. XVI, p.67.  
'Basts' rebuilt c.1515 by Thomas Awall, his father rented house formerly on  
same site (his monogram and salt-cellar carved on corner brackets).  
Early example of house designed outside a 2-storey hall.  
Reproduction of water-colour by H. Davy 1838 – see 'Suffolk Landscape' by  
N. Scarfe (plate 43).

**25. Other information:**