

1. Parish: Mutford

Meaning: Ford at which moots were held (also name of Hundred)

2. **Hundred:** Mutford (-1764), Mutford & Lothingland (1764-)

Deanery: Lothingland

Union: Mutford & Lothingland

RDC/UDC: (E.Suffolk) Mutford & Lothingland R.D. (1894-1934),
Lothingland R.D. (1934-1974), Waveney D.C. (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Mutford & Lothingland Petty Sessional Division
Lowestoft County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,597 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed: Deep well drained sandy and coarse loam, some slowly permeable with slight seasonal waterlogging, risk wind erosion

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		Wood for 76 pigs, 14 acres meadow, 2 cobs, 7 cattle, 30 pigs, 160 sheep, 50 goats, 2 beehives
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 turnip as preparation for corn and grass
1937	Main crops:	Roots, barley, beans, peas, wheat
1969	Trist:	Barley and sugar beet are the main crops with some rye grown on poorer soils and a little wheat, herbage and seeds and carrots

6. **Enclosure:**

1800 2,529 acres enclosed in Barnby and Mutford under Private Act of Lands 1979

7. **Settlement:**

1977 Hundred river forms natural boundary to south for part of

its length. Small relatively compact development close to SE boundary. Church situated to north of settlement. Secondary settlement on Hulver Road, close to Marsh Lane Farm. Scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 24, 1801 – 57, 1851 – 95,
1871 – 97, 1901 – 97, 1951 – 131,
1981 – 154

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to North Cove, Barnby, Carlton Colville, Rushmere and Ellough
1891 Carrier passes through to Lowestoft daily

Rail: 1891 Carlton Colville station: (Oulton Broad South).
Ipswich–Lowestoft line opened 1850, station closed 1972
1912 5 miles Beccles station: Ipswich–Beccles line, opened 1854 still operational
Tivetshall–Lowestoft line, opened to Beccles 1863, closed 1965

Water: Hundred River

9. Population:

1086 – 80 recorded
1327 – 37 taxpayers paid £1 17s. 6d.
1524 – 29 taxpayers paid £3 13s. 10d.
1603 – 101 adults
1674 – 29 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 290 inhabitants
1831 – 373 inhabitants
1851 – 435 inhabitants
1871 – 379 inhabitants
1901 – 409 inhabitants
1931 – 433 inhabitants
1951 – 407 inhabitants
1971 – 444 inhabitants
1981 – 432 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Vicarage (with Wheatacre, Norfolk and Barnby) (1831)

1254 Valued £10
1291 Valued £14 13s. 4d.
1535 Valued £7 17s. 1d.
Valued £4 10s. Incumbent also holds Rushmere 1603
Parsonage has 3 hearths 1674
1831 2 curates, stipend £120 p.a. Joint gross income £700 p.a.

1844 Tithes commuted for £280 p.a.
Consolidated with Barnby by 1891
1912 Joint nett value £240. 30 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Sir Edmund de Hengrave (1327–49), Gonville Hall (1354–1583), Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge (1603), Caius College, Cambridge (1610–)

11. Church

St. Andrew

(Chancel, nave, S.porch, round W.tower)

1086 2 churches and 43 acres
Norman Walls and tower
1355 Possible period of rebuilding
14th cent. Main structure
1643 Puritanical Vandals (William Dowsing) destroyed 9 superstitious pictures, ordered 9 superstitious inscriptions removed and 2 crosses removed from steeple plus the steps leveled
1881 Restoration
20th cent. Restoration

Seats: 200 (1912)

12. Nonconformity etc:

Wesleyan chapel built 1828

13. Manorial:

1066 Manor of 3½ carucates held by Wulfsi under Earl Gyrth
1086 Manor of 3½ carucates belonging to the King
12th cent. Granted to Balderic de Bosco/Bois with moiety of the Hundred of Mutford, the patronage of the church, the Hundred Court, wreck of sea, view of frankpledge with privilege to erect gallows and tumbrell
c.1204 Stephen de Long Champ owns
1234 Sir Thomas de Hemegrave owns (linked to Tuddenham and Barningham)
c.1443 Sir John Tiptoft owns (linked to Carlton Colville and Layham)
1447 William de la Pole owns (linked to Frostenden, Carlton Colville, Trimley St. Martin, Kettlebaston, Thorndon, Westthorpe, Wyverstone and Cotton)
1509 Edward Jermyngham owns (linked to Ashby, Corton, Gorleston and Lound)
1604 Thomas Hirne owns
c.1608 Sir John Heveningham owns
c.1734 Sir Thomas Allin owns (linked to Ashby, Belton, Blundeston, Bradwell, Carlton Colville, Corton, Flixton, Somerleyton, Lound, Gorleston and Fritton)

- c.1843 Lord S.G. Osborne owns (linked to Ashby, Belton, Blundeston, Bradwell, Carlton Colville, Corton, Flixton, Somerleyton, Lound and Gorleston)
- 1885 Richard Henry Reeve owns (linked to Ashby, Belton, Blundeston, Breadwell, Carlton Colville, Gorton, Flixton, Rushmere, Pakefield, Lound, Kirkley, Gorleston and Gisleham)

Sub-Manors:

Soca Bectun

- 1253 Robert Walerand owns
- 1267 William de Valence owns (Earl of Pembroke) (linked to Exning)
- 18th cent. Sir John Rous owns

Soca Francheville

- 1201 Ralph de Muncy owns

Soca Luvel

- 12th cent. William de Luvel owns
- c.1206 Stephen de Longo Campo owns (absorbed by main manor)
- 1273 Abbey of St. Edmunds owns
- c.1536 Crown land

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

- 1844 £2,382 rental value
- 1891 £2,010 rateable value
- 1912 £1,717 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

- 1844/1891 Land sub-divided
- 1912 R.H. Reeve and Rev. L.W.H. Andrews, principal owners

17. Resident gentry:

- 1679 Thomas Love

18. Occupations:

- 1550–1599 4 husbandmen, 1 bottlemaker
- 1600–1649 11 yeomen, 3 husbandmen, 1 miller, 1 clerk, 1 linen weaver

1650–1699 3 yeomen, 2 tailors, 1 farmer, 1 carpenter
 1831 75 in agriculture, 24 in retail trade, 1 professional, 11 in domestic service, 5 others
 1844 Schoolmistress, bricklayer, 2 shopkeepers, farrier, shoemaker, corn miller, blacksmith, coach builder, beerhouse keeper, thatcher, 13 farmers
 1912 Sub-postmaster, schoolmistress, 11 farmers, 6 market gardeners, beer retailer, cow keeper, 2 grocers, carpenter, thatcher, farm bailiff, smith, miller, builder, hurdle maker, shopkeeper, boot/shoemaker

19. Education:

1818 1 Sunday school (50 attend)
 1833 1 day and Sunday school (53 attend)
 National school built 1842, enlarged c.1891, average attendance 1891 70
 Council school built 1912, average attendance 91

20. Poor relief:

1776 £29 14s.
 1803 £48 15s. 7d.
 1818 £86 10s.
 1830 £81 14s.
 1832 £129 2s.
 1834 £164 1s.

21. Charities:

Doles:

1840 Interest on bequest of £10 + dole of 13s. 4d. 10s. of which is distributed among poor, remainder has been lost

Poors Allotment:

1840 Allotment of 15 acres let at £13 10s. p.a. applied to supply of coals to poor.

22. Other institutions:

1776 Workhouse (10 inmates)
 Guild of St. John Baptist 1450, Stok of guild £3. 1524

23. Recreation:

1844 Beerhouse
 1891 2 beerhouses
 1912 Beer retailer

24. Personal:

Owen Felltham: (1602?–1668), native of parish, author of 'Resolves' and other works

25. Other information:

'The stones in Mutford Wood', by H.K. Creed. PSIA Vol. IV, p.244. believed to be natural sandstone formations.

Engraving of the Galilee, Mutford Church by John Weale 1846 reproduced in 'History and Antiquities of the County of Suffolk' by Rev. A. Suckling

Mutford Hall: (late 16th cent.) converted to farmhouse, 4 stepped gables.

Believed anciently to have been parish of some importance.