Materials for a History

OF THE

PARISH OF BILDESTON,

IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

With Pedigrees and Genealogical Notices of the Families

of

ALSTON, BARKER, BEAUMONT, BLOMFIELD, BRAND, COOKE, COLE, EDGE,
GROWSE, JOHNSON, LOVEYN, PARKER, PARSONS, REVETT, SALMON,
STEBBING, TERRY, WADE, WILSON.

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THE following is a contribution towards the history of a parish which for a century and more has been freely disparaged both by its inhabitants and the general topographer. It once was held by knights and nobles whose names figure prominently in mediæval chronicles; and under the Tudors it became the residence of wealthy merchants and manufacturers; but both alike have now passed away, leaving scarce any record of their former connection with the place. To the pious munificence of its territorial lords we doubtless owe the present stately church; but even this is conjecture; no marble monument, no carved escutcheon on the wall, no painted effigy in the window records to posterity their benefactor's name. The present bare appearance of the sacred structure is in great measure due to the violence of Puritan fanatics, who destroyed the richly blazoned windows, tore up the brasses, and broke down the carved screen; but it is also to be noted that the carved stone shields so freely used as architectural decorations throughout the building have all from the first been devoid of armorial bearings. So studied a concealment of personal merit is indeed rare in human transactions; and in the present instance, though the intention may have been laudable, the result is certainly most unsatisfactory to the inquisitive antiquarian.

The Loveyn family may with confidence be accepted as the founders of a smaller and earlier parish church, which was destroyed in the fifteenth century. Its five Decorated windows were, however, religiously preserved, both glass and stone-work, and were inserted in the walls of the larger Perpendicular church which was then erected.

To the wealthy merchants, who succeeded the ancient nobility, we owe the picturesque timber houses which diversify our quiet streets. On their decline, towards the end of the seventeenth century, no new class of population succeeded; everything fell into decay, the inhabitants diminished both in number and importance, the market was disused, and the ancient Chapel of St. Leonard, which stood in the centre of the town, was destroyed, the parish being either too small to require it or too poor to keep it in repair. From that time to the present, whenever the town is mentioned by county historians, the notice is by no means of a flattering character. Camden omits it altogether. Gough, in his Additions, makes this contemptuous
remark: "Bildestone, seven miles south of Stowmarket, is a mean, dirty market-town." In 1764 Kirby gives this description: "Bildestone is a town in a Bottom, meanly built, and the streets are dirty; it appears to have been more populous than it is at present, which is owing to the decay of the woollen manufacture, which formerly flourished here. The church is a very good building, standing on a hill on the west side of the town, near which is the mansion of the late Bartholomew Beale, Esqre. Here is a mean market weekly on Wednesdays; and two fairs yearly, the one on Ash-Wednesday, and the other on Ascension Day." In 1844 Page employs a similar style of expression; but I am happy to see that in the Directory for the present year, 1859, the injurious epithet "mean" has been exchanged for "neat," an alteration which the improved appearance of the place fully warrants.

So recently as the early part of the present century the main street was crossed by two open water-courses, which have since been bridged over—one was just above the market-place, the other some way below it; they must have contributed largely to the dirty appearance of the town.

I will now proceed to record in chronological order all the items of information which I have been able to collect concerning it; having first premised that it is situated in the western division of the county of Suffolk, in the Hundred of Cosford, on a small branch of the River Brett. For ecclesiastical purposes it is included in the Diocese of Ely, the Deanery and Archdeaconry of Sudbury, and the Liberty of St. Edmund. In extent it comprises 1420 acres of strong clay, of which fifty-one are glebe. The population in 1801 was 744, in 1811 it was 762, in 1841 it had risen to 857; but in 1851 it fell to 818, in 1861 to 788, and in 1891 to 736.

In Saxon times Bildeston was called Bylinges-dune or Bylies-dyne, and a Roman way, forming a continuation of the great Peddar Way, passed through or close by it. This road crossed the entire county in a south-east direction from Thetford, by Ixworth, Stowlangtoft, Woolpit, and Bildeston, to Stratford St. Mary; the names of Norton Street, Fen Street, and Low Street, which occur on this line, plainly indicate its route.

Domestic Book.

Terra Gelteri diaconi. Dimidium Hundred. de Cosfort. Bildestunam in dominio tenuit Edida regina tempore regis Edwardi per man. vi car. terræ semper xiii villani, vi bordarii, viii servi, et iii car. in dominio iiii car. hom. xx ac. prati silva de x porc. iii runc. et x an. xI porc lxxx oves. Ecclia xI acr. i car. i ac. prati. Tunc val. viii lib. modo x sed reddit xII habet i lg. in longo et dim. in lato et v den. de gelto.

The servi, according to Bishop Kennett, were those who, without any determinate tenure of land, were at the arbitrary pleasure of the lord appointed to servile works, and received their wages and maintenance at his discretion.
NOTES ON THE RECTORS.

NOTES ON THE RECTORS AND INSCRIPTIONS FOR THEM IN THE CHURCH.

WILLIAM SPARROW.

Hoc uxor Amantissima, filia Joh'is Beamont Gen : D.D.

BENJAMIN BRUNDISH.

Sub hoc Marmore
Novissimum preestolantur diem
exuviae mortales
Benjamin et Brundish.
Elizabethae
Ilie ad hanc Ecclesiam
Patroni et populi suffragiis merito promotus,
et per xxxviii annorum orbem
Pastor perquam fidus et dilectus,
in concoionando ardens, dulcis tamen,
creber sed et indefessus,
ad sacra Ecclesiae obeunda manera minister ex omni aptus,
quippe tam fide pura quam spectata vita
insignite clarus, sanctus et usque quaque suspiundus Presbyter,
mitis admodum et modestus,
Ut cum de Ecclesia pauci rectius sint meriti,
tum nemo de se demissius senserit.
Illa domo Torringtonia de Brettenham
in hac Viciniae non ignobili orta,
amplissima Virtutum indole,
amabili morum suavitate,
miroque ingenni nitore nobilior,
lectissima demum Foemina,
tali Viro dignissima,
}\ Amicos faciles,
{ Utrique in affectos benevoli,
{ Egenos benefici.
Illa lenta Tabis mora liquefacta
prexvit A.D. MDCCXXII
Malii xxx, setat. xlvi.
Illum moementem et maximis
Ecclesiae fractum laboribus
funesta terris abstulit Lithiasis,
non tam vita privatum
For a shirt and the making for odd debnam
Gave to 2 maynd soulders which cam out of the army
To Thomas newton for half a kave's (calf's) skinn for to mend the colers of the bells
For a load of clay for mending the bridg
For 2 fagites for the bridg
For a labourer for 1 daye's work for the brig
Gave to a poor woman of melford which loss all that shee had by feyer
For a sheete to berey lifficus  kime's wiff
Gave to Thomas fenerd and John Fuller 2 maynd souldew
For a sheete to berey John aldwig & for a faggit & candle for him
Gave to a por man which was plunderd of all that he had which cam out of northamptonshere
And to Marey hambellton an eyrish woman which was in destres
And to an eyrish man which was in great distres
To Thomas paynter for keping the clock for Laddeyes rent
For nayles to mend the stokes
Gave to Robert Wilkinson a hamsheyere man in his distres
To goodman hast for mending the bridg
Gave to a pore gentell woman which was in great want
To good wiff girt in tyme of her leying in
To Thomas paynter for keping the clock for micklmas rent
To grace kim in time of her lying in
To a por soulder which was in disstres

1645.

October 12.—Gathered for the reliefe of Taunton the some of iii" xn & iiid & paid it to Mr Wm. Chaplin of Hitcham as appeareth by his receipt which is put into the towne box.

1653.

August the 25th.—Gathered for Marleborongh the some of fiftye & shillings & paid it to Mr Gardiner of Hitcham.

1651.

Delivered the 5th of June 1651 the towne 2 flaggons, 2 silver cups & a cover, & a silver plate for bread, 3 napkins, a bord cloth, a surplice, a black hoode, & a carpet into the hands of Jonathan Beaumont, onely one of the cups is in Mr Jn's Beaumont's hands till he be paid liii" iiid wh. he is out for the towne, which money is due from Tho. Grimwade & viii" ixid more wh. viid viid is to be pd. to Mr Cole & to Jonathan Beaumont & Jno. Bird, now Churchwardens for the year 1651.

By me JONATHAN BEAUMONT.

The money was paid in the following November.

The last entry is dated 1673.

The PARISH REGISTER of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials begins 1558.
before the unhappie effects of the late Rebellion divine service hath bin read in the Chappell of Bildeston for the ease & convenience of the parishioners & by reason of the Distance of the Church from the bodie of your Toune, And wheras wee are humbly desired by severall Inhabitants of the said Toune That the said Chappell may be used as formerly it hath bin, Wee therefore in Consideracion of the premisses doe hereby injoyne & order the said Chappell to be opened, & that publique prayers & other divine service be performed in the said Chappell by the minister or Curate of the said Parish im'ediately after the receipt of this our order, according to the ancient usage before the Rebellion. In testimony, etc.

Dated 29 April 1680.

ANT. NORWIC.

A Survey taken by the Inhabitants of Bildeston the 27th day of November 1642 of the Chappell Yard in the occupacion of Suzan Beanmont, wid: & Symon Porter, and the contents thereof is as followeth:—

The yard in the said Suzan’s tenure is the west face of the yard, seaven Rods & a half & half a quarter of a rodd.

The east face of the yard is eight rods in length.

Both the ends of the said yard at the south & north is each four Rods.

The yard in Symon Porter’s occupacion the sides of the said yard is f pioneers each side, and the ends of the said yard is two Rodd a quarter & half of a Rodd at each end.

Altogether 173 ft. long 66 wide.

The chapel yard was let by the town in 1601 for 13' 4d a year; in 1625 to John Brown-smith for 3 shillings a yeare.

THE CHAPEL was built before the year 1435, as we find it mentioned in the will of John Jerveys of that date. Of this document the following is an abstract:—

John Jerveys, senior, of Bildeston, by will dated Monday next after the Circumcision, 1435, proved before the Bishop at Hoxne 14 August 1436, bequeaths his body to be buried in the Church of Bildeston before the altar of St. Thomas the Martyr. £10 to the emendacion of the Church; £10 to the repair of the highways; a fit priest for 10 years after his decease to say masses for his soul, taking a reasonable stipend. All his manors, lands, etc., to Joan his wife for life, after her death the manor of Bradfield St. Clare with the advowson of the church of the same town with all his manor of “felsh’m halle” to John Jervis his eldest son. Amongst other property he mentions “tenementum meum vocatum ‘le cornhous’ cum suis pertinentibus jacens in foro de Bildeston predict. inter tenementum Galfridi Nowell,” and four tenements “in vico vocato ‘Chapel strete’ inter tenementum Johannis Strutte ex una parte et Capellam de Bildeston predict.”

These four tenements are still (1890) in good preservation, with projecting upper story supported on massive beams, and oak-mullioned windows.

A John Jerveys, styled of Bury, but probably this John Jerveys, jun., married Joan, only dau. and heir of John Notyngham, grocer, and Steward of the Abbot of Bury, and had issue by her, living at his father-in-law’s decease in 1439, two daughters, Isabell and Joan. This John Notyngham built the porch of St. Mary’s, Bury, over the doorway of which is inscribed: “Orate pro animabns Johannis Notyngham et Isabelle uxoris sue.”
duobus mesuagiis cum suis pertinentibus quae conjunctim site sunt et jacent in villa de Bildeston predicta, scilicet inter mercatum ejusdem ville ex una parte et tenementum quondam Walteri Randolf ex altera parte et abstant ad unum caput super tenementum quondam Johannis Shepherd et ad alium caput super regiam viam que ducit a Kerseye* versus Eicham, videlicet secundum tenorem vim formam et effectum carte nostrae gerent' dat' present' eisdem Roberta, Thome, Johanni Habett, Johanni Waryn et Hugoni, heredibus et assign' suis inde fie' ratum et gratum quicquid prenominatus attorn' noster nomine nostro fecit in premissis. In cuius rei testimonium presentibus sigilla nostra apposuimns. Dat' primo die mensis Octobris anno regni Regis Henrici sexti post conquestum Anglie tricesimo sexto."

The following, which is the only one in English, is a curious specimen of orthography:—

1469.

"This endenture made on michaelmesse day ye xii. yere & regnyng off Kyng Edwarde ye iii. viii beryt witnesse yf Jhon Salle odwyse callyd Jhon Cook off Byldeston in ye count off Suff: p'chemyn & Jhon howett off ye tymne behyn grychen hews in ye towne to Jhon Osmonde off ye same towne now ensuyng ye space off iii yers next folowyng upon yeis condicionys ensuyng ye seyde Jhon Osmonde schall yerle paye or yerle do to be payde viii* to ye chyrcywardynys qwhat evr yey be ye fortune to be chosyn to ye office in ye towne & yers above seyed at ii dyvers dayes ye ys to seye at ye festes of seynt laurent vs & att ye festes off seynt michaell yarchawngell vs & ye chyrcywardynys schall fyend all manor of nedefull repa'connys duryng ye season off ye seasson off ye office in wytnesse qwhloff ye seyde jhon & jhon chyrcywardynys above reh'sed dayes & yere above namyd to ye part off ydenture wt ye seyde jhon Osmond abydyng as chyrcywardynys have putt ye sealys for yem & ye successers in yoffice duryng ye terme & to ye parte with ye chyrcywardyngs abydyng ye seyde Jhon Osmond hayes set hys seale."

In 1602 the town appears to be flourishing in manufactures. In a lease of that date occur the following names: Edmund Dogget, gent.; William Wade, senior, Clothier, and William his son and heir; Richard Marten, Clothier; Samuel Marten, his eldest son; John Barker, Clothier; Reginald Barker, his eldest son; Michael Beamonde, Clothier; John Beamond, his eldest son; James Reycroft, Weaver; Edmund Reycroft, Clothier; Henry Reycroft, Weaver; William Muson, Glover; Robert Martin, Clothier; Henry Marten, his eldest son; Peter Brandy, Clothier; John Brandy, his eldest son; John Brownsmith, Clothier; John Brownsmith, his eldest son; John Rainham, heom'(?); John Raynham, his eldest son; John Rushbrooke, Clothier; William Grymwaide, heom'(?); John Grymwaide, his eldest son; John King; William Blumfieled, smith; Peter Barns, joiner; Paul Barns, his eldest son; John Cole, Clothier.

* This mention of Kersey, to define the direction of the road, would seem to imply that Kersey was of more importance in the fifteenth century than it is now. At the present day Hadleigh is certainly the town that would be selected for the purpose. The point is of some interest, since the local derivation of the name of the coarse woollen cloth called "Kersey" is frequently doubted, on the ground that Kersey was too insignificant a village to give a name to anything.
BILDESTON.

Robert Wade—... da. of . . . ; she mar., secondly, Beaumont of Bildeston.

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William Wade—Jane, da. of Wm. Oxenden of Brooke, Kent.

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The following is probably a different family:—

William Wade—Mary . . .

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WILL OF THOMAS WADE OF BILDESTON, 1569.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Thomas Wade of Bildeston in the county of Suff. and dyocese of Norwych, beyng of good and perfect remembrance, yet sycke in bodye (thanks be to Allmyghti God) doo ordeyne and make this my last will and testament in maner and fourme followyng: Imprimis I com'ende my sowle into the handes of Almyghti God my maker and redemor, hoping to be saved by his grace through the meritts of Jesus Chryst my Lorde God and onely savuer; and my body to the earthe, whense I was taken owt, in hope of the blyssed and gloriouz appearinge and cQmynge of our Savyour Chryst Jesus to judge both the quycke and the deade. Item I gyve and bequethe to my brother John Wade my frease gowne, my best cloke, my spanyshe lether jerken, my lether dublet, my blacke hose, my russet hose, my best hat, my capp, my dagger, and my girdill. Item I gyve to my brother William Wade my rode sadell and bridle withe the furnyture that longethe thereunto, my best pack sadell withe a newe wante and wantyrop* with the best girt, a malyne lyne with my woadfat coverynge my hardell and my halfe hundred weight. Item I give to Samuell Cole my blacke cote and my russet cote. Item I gyve to the pore of Bildeston twenty shillings, to be dystributed unto them within sise dayes after my discease, at the discretion of my executor, and my brother William Wade, withe the collectors or the mynister. Item I gyve to .Nicholaa Warde, mynister of

* "Wantey," a suringle or large girth for a pack horse.—PHILLIPS. Tusser, in his 'Husbandry Furniture,' enumerates "A pannell and wanty, packsaddle, and ped."
Bilstedon, vi° viii°. Item I gyve to John Houlden of Watesham, vi° viii°. Item I will that theas implements, the benche in the parlour, the benche in the halle, the portall and the skryyne, the glasse lattases and bourdes belonginge to the howse, the two stalles in the buttrye, the dores and locks withe yron worke belonginge unto them, withe the shine (shingle) and tyle in the howse or yarde, shall remayne in and withe the howse to the use of my brother William Wade. Item I will and bequethe to Margery my wyfe fre dwellinge in my howse that I nowe dwell in tell the feast of Saynt Michael next after my discease, without eny disturbance, naye-genst, or sale made of the same howse notwithstandinge. All the rest of my moveable goods, detts and others wheresoever thei maye be founde, I gyve and bequethe to Margery my wyfe, whome I make my sole and alone executor, to paye my detts and legacies in this my present will conteyned and specyfied, and thus I ende this my last will and testament made the thre and tweuty daye of January, the twelfthe yeare of the reigne of our Bovereigne Lady Elizabethe by the grace of God of Englande and Irelonde, quene, and in the yeare of our Lorde God 1569, by me Thomas Wade, testator. Theas beynge witnesse, John Hodden,* Nicholas Warde, Ambrose Carboulde, John Wade of Framesden, Robert Marten.

Proved at Bury 18 September 1570.

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Beaumont.

On a large slab in the south aisle are these inscriptions much worn:—

Michael Beaumont married to Margaret ye° daughter of . . . . of Bildersstone in the county of Suffolk, Clothier, by whom he had issue 4 sonnes, viz., John, Thomas, Samuel, and Jonathan, and 2 daughteres, Margaret and Alice. At the age of 64 yeares he departed this life ye° 14° of December the yeare of grace 1614, whose body lieth under this stone, and his spirit is restored to God who gave it.

Christus mihi vita.
Mors mihi lucrum.

Also waa interred Margaret his wife the 25 day of August Ano 1647. Also waa interred Anna wife of his grandchild John Beaumont ye° 17 of Febr 1681. Also were interred at his feet Mary and Abigail An° D. 1664 and Elizabeth An° D. 1670, 3 daughteres of his grandchild John and Anna his wife, by her he had 6 sons and 7 daughteres.

Of the north side were interred John Beaumont his eldest son ye° 30 of November 1641 aged 59 yrs. and Susan his wife daughter of John Alabaster of Hadleigh Gent. the 10th day of Februar 1664. John had living at his decease 3 sons and 5 daughteres.

Below is a shield bearing: Azure, semée with fleurs-de-lis, a lion rampant or, Beaumont; impaling, Ermine, a cross-bow erect, Alabaster.† Two other shields bear Merchants' marks.

* John Holden was the Rector.
† The arbalist, a kind of cross-bow, is sometimes spelt 'alabaster.'
These Beaumonts claimed descent—though, it would seem, incorrectly—from a younger branch of the ancient family of Beaumont in Leicestershire. Some of them resided at Hadleigh, and the Rev. Joseph Beaumont, D.D., born there March 13, 1615, attained great celebrity in his day, both as a poet and divine. His father, John Beaumont, died in 1653, after being for many years a woolen manufacturer in that town, then a very wealthy trading corporation, which had repeatedly elected him to the office of Chief Magistrate. The son was educated at the grammar school in his native place, and at the age of sixteen entered Peterhouse at Cambridge, where, so soon as he had taken his Bachelor’s degree, the Master gave him the first Fellowship that became vacant. In 1648 he was ejected from the University, and during his retirement employed himself in writing a ponderous poem in twenty-four Cantos, called “Psyche, or Love’s Mysteries,” printed in London in 1652.* He had scarcely completed this work when Dr. Wren, Bishop of Ely, invited him to be his domestic Chaplain, and in 1650 bestowed upon him in marriage his step-daughter, Miss Browning, who was possessed of a considerable estate, together with the Manor of Tattingstone in this county, where he resided for the ten years following. At the Restoration he took immediate possession of the benefices to which he had been formerly presented by his patron the Bishop, and was also admitted into the first list of His Majesty’s Chaplains, and in 1660 created D.D. by royal mandate. In April 1662, on the resignation of Bishop Pearson, he was appointed, by Dr. Wren, Master of Jesus College, and in the following year, on the death of Dr. Hale, he was removed to the Mastership of his own College, Peterhouse. On the publication of the ‘Mystery of Godliness,’ by Dr. Henry More, his doctrines were vehemently attacked by Beaumont, who thereupon received a vote of thanks from the University, and in 1670 was elected Professor of Divinity, which office he retained till his death in 1699.

Beaumont of Hadleigh.


Julian Beaumont of Hadleigh, clothier, died 1586.

Michael Beaumont of Bilstedon, Margaret, da. of Skepper of clothier, died 1614, mt. 64.

Edward Beaumont, Alice, da. of Roht, born 1565, mt. 65.


Anna Beaumont, Clarke of East Berg, Suffolk.


Sarah Beaumont, born 1606.

Mary Beaumont, John, born 1610.

Beaumont, Briston, born 1615.


* It is by far the longest poem in the English language, having a total of 42,352 lines. “Paradise Lost” has but 10,565 lines, and Spenser’s “Faerie Queene” 30,969.
## Principal Residents

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## Additional Information

- Robert Beaumont of Bildeston = Alice Boggis, widow.

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**Note:** The table above contains information on the residents of Bildeston, including dates of birth, marriage, and death, as well as details on their marriages and children. The table also includes information on the Beaumont family, highlighting notable individuals and their relationships.


On a small monument in the south aisle of Grundisburgh Church: “Near to this Tomb lyes Benj Beaumont, Esq, son of Benj Beaumont, Esq, by Eliz Southwood, Daughter of George Southwood, Esq, by Elizabeth Conyers, daughter of William Conyers of Walt in Essex, Serjeant at Law. He dyed June ye 30th, 1733, in the 54 year of his age.” Arms: Beaumont singly. The father was probably the Benjamin Beaumont, born at Bildeston, 1651, the son of John and Anna Beaumont.
### PRINCIPAL RESIDENTS.

#### COLE.

Gregory Cole of Bildeston, living 1516—Anne . . . , died 1567.

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### MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS RESIDENT IN, THE TOWN OF BILDESTON.

Mr. Robert Cooper, Practitioner of Physic and Chyrurgeon, buried 23 June 1612.

This Robert Cooper by his wife Margaret, afterwards married to John Cole, had two daughters: Priscilla, who died childless, and Mary, married, first, to John Mayhew, who died 1652, and secondly, to Wm. Dowsing, the notorious iconoclast, who in 1644 wrought such destruction in the Suffolk churches. In his will, dated 21 August 1667, he mentions Mr. Wm. Blomfield of Wattisham as his "loving kinsman."

John Wellam, Physitian, bur. 4 Oct. 1658.


Mr. Joseph Cuthbert, surgeon, buried 31 July 1750.

Anthony Jones, surgeon, died 1832, æt. 68.

John Growse, "upwards of fifty years surgeon in this parish," died 1840, æt. 80.

Robert Growse, surgeon, died 1877, æt. 79.

John Lawrence Growse, surgeon.
PEDIGREE OF THE FAMILY OF REVETT.

Arms: Argent, three bars sable, in chief as many trivets of the last; quartering Per pale argent and sable, on a chevron between three mascles as many martlets all counterchanged.

Crest: An arm erect in armour, couped at the elbow, in the hand a broken sword.

Thomas Ryvet of Fritton, living 1272.

Roger Ryvet, lord of the manor of Fritton, living 1306.

John Ryvet of Fritton, died Alice, da. and coheir of Sir Nicholas Bellofago, between 1342-47. or Beaufoe, of West Newton.

Roger Revet of Fritton.

Henry Revet of Bacton, living 1349.

Thomas Revet, a clerk, living 1349.

Edmund Revet, living 1402.

John Revet, died 1412.


Humphrey Revett.

Robert Revett of Bacton, Maud, da. of . . . Wolterton of Wollerton, Norff.

William Revett, living 145-


Robert Revet of Earl Soham, living 1480.

John Revett of Monewden, Christian, da. of .. De la Bedell of the BRANDESTON Essex.

Thomas Revett of Stowmarket, A da. Miles John Revett, ancestor of the BILDESTON BRANCH.

William Revett, born 1506 (BROCKFORD BRANCH). John Revett, ancestor of the BILDESTON BRANCH.
C. BILDESTON BRANCH.

John Revett of Brockford, died 1528, son of Robert Revett of Earl Soham—Christian, da. of . . .


Tobias Revett, died 1719—Charity, da. of Thomas Moss of Thrandeston; died 1718, mt. 50.

Charity Revett, died Thomas Revett, died—Susanna, da. of Rev. John Latham, Tobias Revett, died 1696, an infant.

Thomas Latham Tobias Revett, John Revett of B—Revett of Debenham, sur- tham Revett, Ezekiel Revett—Helen, da. of John Rebecca=James Press of Elizabeth died 1812, Brockford; died 1799. Milligan of Should- Revett, Hoxne, died Revett, ham, Norf.; died 1825, 1824, mt. 82. unmarried. 1809, mt. 55. mt. 89.


39. BILDESTON BRANCH.


Arms: Gules, a cross flory argent, a mullet for difference [may be quartered].

Thomas Revett of Rishangles, died 1594—Jane, da. of Bartholomew Bolney of Witheringsett.

Mary=John Eldred, Alderman of London; Levant merchant; died 1613. created a Baronet in 1641.

A da.=Sir Nicholas Revett, London; Levant merchant; died 1632. Their son Revett 1613. created a Baronet in 1641.

Anthony = Anne = Thomas Tal.—Richard Bowle
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