

John Speed
The history of Great Britaine, 2nd edition
London
1623

THE
HISTORIE
OF
GREAT BRITAIN
VNDER THE CONQVESTS
OF THE ROMANS, SAXONS,
DANES and NORMANS.
Their Originals, Manners, Habits,
Warres, Coines, and Seales: with the Successions, Liues,
Acts, and Issues of the ENGLISH MONARCHS, from IV=
LIVS CÆSAR, to our most gracious Soueraigne
KING IAMES.

The Second Edition
Revised, and enlarged with sundry descents of the Saxons
Kings, Their Marriages and Armes.

By IOHN SPEED.

AT LONDON,
Printed by IOHN BEALE, for GEORGE HVMBLE, and are to be
sold in Popes-head Pallace, at the signe of the White Horse.
Cum Privilegio. Anno 1623.

1058

The tempestuous stormes in the Raigne of this King Henry the eight,
and the violent deluge raysed against the Church-state of his times;
bare downe so many religious strong foundations, and were the de=
struction of so many beautifull Monasteries, as the onely relation of
their numbers and names, would haue much interrupted the narration
of his History. Wherefore to retaine their memorials, (though their walls are laid
waste) aswell for the reuerence we owe vnto venerable Antiquity, as for the example of
their Founders holy zeale, we haue inserted a Catalogue of their names, orders, and true
valuations, as in the originall Booke thereof taken by Commission, and giuen vnto the
King, wee finde them set down, though at their dissolutions their values were
fauourably and farre vnder-rated. Some Founders, and times of foun=
dations we want; the rest, Table-wise, (to auoid prolixity) wee
haue set downe in this present following
CHAPTER.

1059r

A CATALOGVE OF THE RELIGIOVS
HOVSSES VVITHIN THE REALME OF ENGLAND
and VVales, with their Orders, Founders, **Benefactors**, and Values, most
of them being suppressed by King Henry the eight. Together with such
other sacred places, as either then were by him left standing, or since haue been
erected.

...

1075r

...

KENT.

Places. | Dedication. | Founders, **Benefactors**, and Time. | Order. | Value. l. s. d.
ob. q.

Canterbury Archiepiscopall Sea | S^t Trinity — P | Faithfull beleeuing Romans.
Ethelbert King of Kent consecrated by Saint Augustine. Lanfranke and William
Corboil Arch-B. a new began the foundation of the Cathedrall Church. Tho.
Arundel, Arch-B. built the West Spire Steep. & furnisht it with 5 bels. Earnulfe B.
Rochester, and Eardulfe, Prior. especial Benefac. | Blacke Monks | 2489 4 9 0 0

Canterbury | **Saint Francis** — F | King Henry the seuenth. | Franciscan Fryers |
Canterbury | **Saint Iohn** — H | Lanfranke Arch-B. Cant. temp. Will. Conq. | Poore
Priests | 10 13 08 b 0

luxta Canterbury, S^t Augustine | **Saint Peter Saint Paul** — M | Ethelbert King of
Kent, 602. King Edward the second, a benefact. | Benedictine Monkes. | 1412 4
7 b q

luxta Canterb. | **Saint Gregory** — P | Lanfrank Arch.B. Cant. temp. Will. Conq. |
Blacke Canons **Augustines** | 166 4 5 b 0

luxta Canterb. | S. Sepulchers — N | **VWilliam Caluile Citizen of Canterbury.** |
Blacke Nunnes | 38 19 7 b 0

luxta Canterb. | S. Lawrence — H | | | 31 7 10 0 0

Canterbury extra Muros | **Saint Iames** — H | | | 32 11 1 b q

Ailesford | **Saint Mary** — F | Richard, L. Grey, of Codnor, 1240. 25 H. 3. |
Carmelites, or white Fryers |

Beigham | **Saint Mary** — P | Sir Robert **de Thornham, Knight**, aliis the Ancestors
of Thomas Sacuile. | VWhite Canons | 152 19 4 b 0

Ashford | — C | Sir Robert Fogge, Knight. | Priests |

Bilsington | **Saint Mary** — P | Ioh. Maunsel, Treasurer of the Church of Yorke,
and Prouost of Beuerleyes for King Henry the third, and Elenor his wife. | Blacke
Canons | 81 1 6 00 0

Bradgate | — C | Robert de Bradgate, Tho. loseline cleric. and Iohn at a vies. | |

Bradesoke | S^t Radegunde — M | Hugh the first Abbot. | White Canons
Premonstratenses | 142 8 09 0 0

1075v

Boxley | S. Mary — M | VWilliam de Ipres a Flemming, Earle of Kent, 1145. 11
Stephen. | Cisterian Monks brought from Clareual in Burgund. | 218 19 10 0 0

Chetham | S. Bartholmew — H | Gundulfe, B. Rochester, temp. VWill. Rufus. | |

Cobham | — C | Iohn Baron Cobham. | | 128 1 9 b 0

Combewell | **Saint Mary Magdaline** — M | Robert de Thornham, Knight | Blacke
Canons **Augustines** | 80 17 5 0 q

Dertford | — N | King Edward the third, 1355. 30 E. 3 | Nunnes. | 400 8 0 0 0

Danuton | — N | | Blacke Nunnes |

Douer | **Saint Mary S. Martin** — P | VWhitred king of Kent, 613. King Henry the
first reedified it. | Black Monkes | 232 1 5 b 0

Douer Domus Dei | — H | King Henry the third. | Knights Templers | 159 18 6 b
q

Eastbridge | — H | King Henry the first gaue for VWilliam his Father, quicquid
Robertus Drus dederat Ecclesiae de Esteburch, & fratribus ibidem Regularibus. |
Canons Regular | 23 18 9 b q

Elslit | — N | Domneua, a Noblewoman of the Saxons, 590. | Nunnes |

Feuersham | **Saint Sauour** — M | King Stephen and Maud his wife, A. D. 1147.
13 Stephen | Blacke Monkes Cluniacenses. | 286 12 6 b 0

Folkestone | S. Eanswide — N | Eanswide, daughter to Eadbald King of Kent.
VWilliam de Abrinca, a Norman. Roger Segraue, & Iulian his wife Iohn, Baron
Clinton benef. | Blacke Nunnes. | 63 0 7 0 0

Greenewich | **Saint Dominic Alien** — F | K. Edward the third, 1376, 51 E. 3 Iohn
Norbury Knight, Benefactor | Fryers Minors |

Greenewich | — F | King Henry the seuenth | Obseruant Fryers. |

Greenewich | — C | VWilliam Lambard | Queen Elizabeths poore people |

Harbaldowne | — H | Lanfranc, Arch-B. Cant. temp. VV. C. Aliis loh. Stratford,
 A.B. Cant. tem. E. 3 | | 109 7 2 0 0
 Heyham | — N | | Blacke Nunnes |
 Horton, a Cel to Lewis | Saint Iohn Euangelist — P | Robert de Vere. Lord
 Chamberlaine of E<n>g<l>and. Adelina; daughter of Hugh de Montfort | Blacke
 Monkes Cluniacenses | 111 16 7 b 0
 Langdon | S^t Thomas Martyr — M | Sir William Aberfield, Knight. | White
 Canons Premonstrate | 56 6 9 0 0
 Leedes | S^t Nicholas — P | Robert de Creuecuer | Blacke Canons, Augustines |
 362 7 7 0 0
 Lesnes vpon Thames | Sⁱ August. aliis S. Tho. Martyr — P | Richard de Lucy,
 Lord Chiefe Iustice of England, 1179. 26 H. 2 | Blacke Canons | 186 9 0 0 0
 Hithe | S^t Bartholmew — H | Hamon, B. Rochester, temp. E. 3 | 10 Poore men: |
 Lewsham | — P Alien | Saint Iohn Norbury, Knight | Blacke Monkes |
 Maidstone | All Saints — C | Boniface of Sauoy. Arch-B. Cant. temp. H. 3 | | 159
 7 10 0 0
 Maidstone | — C | Will. Courtney, Arch-B. Cant. 1395, 19 R. 2 | | 139 7 6 0 0
 Masenden | — H | Hugh de Burgh Knight. | |
 Malling | S^t Mary — N | Gundulph B. Rochester, temp. W. Rufus | Blacke
 Nunnes | 245 10 2 b 0
 Minster in Tennet | — N | Domneua a noblewoman of the Saxons, 596. who had
 the Land of Egbert, third King of Kent. | Nunnes |
 Mottingden | S. Crosse — M | Sir Robert de Rokesley Knight. | | 60 13 0 b 0
 Newenden | S^t Mary — F | Sir Tho. Albuger Knight, 1241, 26 H. 3 | Carmelite
 Fryers |
 Northgate | S^t Iohn — H | | | 91 16 8 b 0
 West Peckham | Præceptoria — | Iohn Culpeper, Iustice of the Common Place,
 1408, 10 H. 4 | Hospitaliers of Saint Iohn of Ierusalem | 63 6 8 0 0
 Reculuer | — M | Bassa, an English Saxon | |
 Rochester Episcopall Sea | Saint Andrew — M | Ethelbert King of Kent, 604
 Gundulph B. Rochester, a Norman, built a-new the Cathedrall Church, A. D. 1080,
 temp. W. Rufus Earnulfus B. Rochester, a great Benef. | Blacke Cannons
 Augustines | 486 11 5 0 0
 1076r
 Rochester | S. Bartholmew — H | King Henry the third confirmed it, and Edward
 the 3. discharged them of all Taxes, Tallages, &c. | Leprous people |
 Rumney | — P Alien | | |
 Sandwich | S. Mary — F | Henry Cowfeild, an Alman, 1272, 57 H. 3 | Carmelite
 Friers |
 Sandwich | S. Thomas — H | Thomas Raling, Clerke William Swanne, Clerke
 Iohn Goddard Richard Long. | |
 Stroude | S. Andrew — H | Gilbert de Glanuile, B. Rochest. temp. H. 2 | | 52 19
 10 b 0
 Swingfield | Præceptoria — | | | 87 3 3 b 0
 Shepey Minster | S. Sexburg — N | Sexburga, wife to Excombent, King of Kent, or
 East-Angles, 710 Will. Arch-B. Cant. a speciall Benefa. | Nunnes | 129 7 10 b 0
 Shepey | Saint Mary — P | William de la Poole, Earle After Duke of Suffolke,
 temp. H. 6 | |
 Tunbridge | Saint Mary Magdaline — P | Richard de Clare, Earle of Gloucester |

Blacke Canons | 169 10 3 0 0

VVingham | — C | Iohn Peckham, Arch-B. Cant. temp. E. 1 | Canons | 84 0 0 0 0

VVye | — C | Iohn Kemp, Arch-B. Cant. temp. H. 6 | Priests | 93 2 0 b 0

VVestwood | — P | Richard Lucy, Chiefe Iustice of England, temp. H. 2 Godfry
Lucy his sonne, Bishop of Winchester, a great Benefactor. | |

| Saint Mary Saint Swythin | Sir Iohn Segraue. | |

Sum total 8840 18 7 b q

...

1101r

...

To preuent any mistaking in the Reader, I haue thought it not vnfit to conclude this Table with the discouery of my meaning by certaine letters before vsed. viz.

M. Monastery.
P. Priory.
F. Fryery.
N. Nunnery
C. Colledge
H. Hospital.

<For the second edition of Speed's 'History', published in 1623, the 'Catalogue of Religious Houses' was thoroughly revised – again, I would guess, by William Burton. In the section relating to Kent six entries have been added (two of which duplicate pre-existing entries), and most of the others have been modified more or less. The compositor has not done well. In many places the columns are misaligned, and some of the values have slipped so far down the page that they look as if they belong with the following entry. I have put them where they ought to be; but anyone reading the book might easily think that the nuns of Davington (for example) enjoyed an income of £400 plus, which was actually the income of the nuns of Dartford. – C.F. December 2010.>