

## THE HEARTH TAX RETURNS FOR THE HUNDRED OF BLACKBOURNE, 1662

*transcribed by SYLVIA COLMAN, B.SC. (ECON.)*

In 1662 the financial difficulties of Charles II led to the passing of an Act 'for establishing an additional revenue upon His Majesty, his heirs and successors, for the better support of his and their crown and dignity'.<sup>1</sup> In such ambiguous terms was initiated a new type of taxation, to be levied, neither on the value of the taxpayer's total goods or lands, nor on a per capita basis, but simply upon one attribute of the house in which he lived—namely, the number of its hearths. It was a curious idea; and from the first it was an unpopular one, collection of the tax proving increasingly hazardous as time went on. Nobody likes to have a new tax imposed upon them; but what probably offended in this particular case was the irregular way in which it fell. Two individuals with a comparable quantity of goods and chattels, living in similar-sized houses, would pay different amounts of tax if one of them had an additional chimney-stack. What was being charged was any possibility of extra comfort—it was, in fact, a species of luxury tax.

The amount payable was 2s. per hearth, to be collected in two annual instalments, one at Michaelmas, the other at Lady Day. The first payment fell due at Michaelmas 1662; but before that came the task of assessment. Parish constables were charged to obtain from the various inhabitants in their parish an account of the number of their hearths. After checking the accuracy of these accounts—an embarrassing task, to say the least of it, in a small community—lists were to be made out and passed to the Justices of the Peace. One copy of the list was then to be sent by the justices to the Exchequer; another was to be retained by the county for use as a basis for levying the tax when it became due. Empty houses were not chargeable, and half tax was payable for those only occupied for part of the year. Exemption from payment was granted to furnaces and kilns, private ovens, and hearths or stoves in hospitals and almshouses, if they were endowed with less than £100 per annum. Those too poor to pay could obtain a certificate of exemption from their vicar and churchwardens, and a number of these are mentioned in surviving churchwardens' accounts. 'A certificate to take of the poor from Hearth mony' is mentioned in the Ixworth accounts in 1674, 1679 and again in 1680. In the present collection a similar certificate, signed by one of the chief constables, is attached to the list for Badwell Ash.

The complete Suffolk copies of the lists for the 34 parishes in

<sup>1</sup> Statutes of the Realm, 14 Car. II cap. X.

the Hundred of Blackbourne survive for 1662, and are here transcribed.<sup>2</sup> They form a somewhat heterogeneous collection, and one is struck in the first instance by the multifarious ways of presenting factual material in the absence of a printed form. The preambles alone show considerable individuality, and a good deal of character emerges, by implication, from a comparison of the various lists. Some are over-conscientious and repetitive, some casual and inaccurate, sternly corrected and amended by one of the chief constables. Outstandingly dilatory, a return for Ingham was never produced at all, though the money was paid over. In some instances the list appeared to be a copy of the original, perhaps made by the Justices' clerk: in others it was the original itself, with the constable's own signature, or some laborious mark, at the bottom. If a constable was illiterate it must have made his task correspondingly harder.

Apart from the few which are undated, these Blackbourne lists are either advance assessments, made in June or July, 1662, of the hearths liable for tax in the following October, or they are the actual returns, made in October of the same year, of the amount of tax collected. If the former, they are likely to list all the house owners or occupiers in the parish, giving the poor on a separate list; if the latter, the poor may well be omitted, since they made no payment. Thus, some parishes may appear smaller than they really were. By 1663 this particular discrepancy had been sorted out, and from then on parish constables had to provide two lists when the money was paid over, one of those who had paid, the other of the poor, exempted from payment.

It is not surprising that in this first year of the tax some constables did not see their duty clearly, and the rigour with which it was levied varied from one parish to another. With lenient constables the poor were readily exempted, sometimes beyond the limit of what was legally allowable. Although no householder with more than two hearths was entitled to exemption, there are several cases, notably at Honington, where persons with three hearths were let off. It had been specified that occupiers were to pay for their hearths; but in some instances owners are charged on behalf of impecunious tenants—John Seaman at Stanton is one of them, and there is another case at Barnham. Some people were able to get away with the excuse that a particular hearth was not used—Dick Gillbuet of Badwell Ash had 'wone out of y<sup>e</sup>us', and was only charged for the remaining four. By contrast poor John Newman of Stanton was made to pay for one chimney that 'fell downe before Michialmasse'.

<sup>2</sup> The originals of these returns are amongst the documents in the Suffolk Collection at Elveden Hall. The opportunity to examine and make use of them is gratefully acknowledged. Stanton contains two parishes, All Saints and St. John's; thus there are 33 villages, but 34 parishes.

It is not always expressly stated when a person is paying for more than one house; for example, without the duplicate return for Hepworth we should not know that the parson's six hearths are in two separate dwellings. It is also clear from a comparison of the Ixworth return with that for 1674, and with other parish records, that George Arney gent., who heads the list, had sixteen hearths in one house and five in another. There are doubtless other instances where a large number of hearths is involved. At Rickinghall Inferior there is an interesting breakdown of owners and occupiers.

A few people, like William Fenery, of Badwell Ash, refused to pay a tax they found 'unconcionable high', but there is little evidence of the deliberate avoidance of tax which became such a problem later on. Only the return for Barnham really suggests that a few people were unsuccessfully attempting evasion. Administration seems to have been in the hands of a group of firm and conscientious Chief Constables; of these, Thomas Syer senior, of Langham, emerges as a definite personality, and it is clear, from the totals and additions to many of the lists in his stylish, slightly old-fashioned hand, that he checked personally the accuracy of all that came his way. Thomas Syer was an elderly man when these returns were made, and he died at Langham in 1664. The Probate Inventory of his possessions still survives, and shows him to have been a well-to-do yeoman farmer, with a considerable accumulation of capital, which, unusually enough, he was not busy multiplying by lending out to his poorer neighbours. Members of the Syer family lived in various of the parishes in the Hundred of Blackbourne—one example was John Syer, vicar of Ixworth from 1629 to 1645, whose widow, Susan, figures in these lists. The Syers seem to have been typical of a whole group of 'middling' families in 17th century Suffolk, families which produced substantial farmers and parsons, churchwardens and parish officials, living busy, useful lives, about whom, at this distance of time, it is extraordinarily difficult to find out anything, except perhaps when and where they were born, married and buried.

The parishes in these lists fall into four main groups, and this grouping would doubtless be applicable to all the other rural parishes in the county. Firstly, there are those with a very small village dominated by a "great house"—Euston and Culford are the obvious examples, but there are others. A large house, for this purpose, may be taken as one with over fifteen hearths, though it may have more than twice that number. Secondly, there are parishes with one large house and a group of smaller, but still substantial, dwellings, having between seven and fourteen hearths. Into this group come, inter alia, Ixworth, Bardwell, Wattisfield and Norton, all parishes with a sizeable population, and often favourably sited on a main thoroughfare, so that agriculture and trade were combined. At Ixworth, one of the larger buildings was certainly

the Pickerel Inn, kept by Stephen Boldero, and later by his daughter, Rebecca. Parishes with a group of medium-sized dwellings having between seven and fourteen hearths, and with no very large house, make up the third category. There are eleven of them, but each has distinctive individualities. Langham and Barnham, for example, each had as their largest building a house with seven hearths; Thelnetham had one with nine and one with eight; but at Elmswell the largest house (thirteen hearths) was probably twice as large as any other.

In the fourth group are parishes where no house is entered as having more than six hearths. They are Hepworth, Great Ashfield, Coney Weston, Hinderclay, Hopton, Rickinghall Inferior, and the diminutive Wordwell, perhaps scarcely to be classified at all. In general, these parishes have a high proportion of very small one- and two-hearth houses; at Hepworth thirty houses out of forty-three are in this category, at Rickinghall Inferior half the total. It is interesting to reflect on the differences, geological, geographical, economic and social, which have produced such a variety of housing patterns within one hundred of one county.

Whatever the overall parish pattern may be, there is a general predominance of occupiers with only one hearth. Since many of them were certified as too poor to pay tax, we may assume that a good many of these one-chimney dwellings were the merest hovels, or that they represent the division of one large property into a series of small tenements. But it is notable that a good many people did pay tax on one-chimney houses, and it would be unrealistic to assume that all were hovels. Indeed, in the surviving pattern of 16th- and 17th-century houses in Suffolk a number of buildings demonstrate quite clearly that, even if they have acquired further hearths since, they were one-hearth homes when the Tax was first levied. Many of them were two-roomed houses basically, and have been enveloped in later extensions, so that as a type they have been, so far, generally ignored. This is not the time to deal with them in detail, but the writer hopes to do so at a later date.

Even with their shortcomings, these lists of 1662 are of considerable use for the contrasts and comparisons they provide with the printed lists, complete for the whole county, of 1674.<sup>3</sup> When linked with Probate Inventories they provide a useful check, and some occasional problems as to which rooms did actually contain hearths. The Tax continued to be levied until 1689, and it was abolished by William III. It was followed by the more famous, and much longer-lasting, Window Tax, which was not removed until 1851. A great many structural alterations of the 18th and 19th centuries have been blamed on the Window Tax, occasionally justifiably—but that is another story.

<sup>3</sup> *Suffolk in 1674. The Hearth Tax.* Suffolk Green Books, No. XI, Vol. 13 (1905).

A bill of all such harths as doe be longe to the severall house (*sic*) with in the towne of Ashfeild Magna.

Robert Hovell	5	William Edwards	1
Thomas Peake	3	Thomas Matheue	5
Edward Cotton	4	Thomas Woods	2
Thomas Warne	5	Thomas Judge	4
John Amis	4	Sarah Frost	3
Robert Day	2	Thomas Amis	3
Thomas Rands	4	John Goodchilde	4
John Theoball	6	Widdow Jesupe	1
Thomas Theoball	2	Thomas Cuterige	2
John Freman	3	Thomas Clarke	1
Thomas Brett	3	Richard Baker	2
George Parker	3	The sume is 4 <sup>l</sup> 16 <sup>s</sup> 0 <sup>d</sup> .	
Robert Frost	4	a bill of those that be poor	
Edmund Cozen	2	John Hill	2
Widdow Oxe	1	Widdow Bag	1
Daniell Shulver	1	Robert Alderton	1
Ingerom (?Ingram) Jackson	3	Nicholas Archer	1
Henry Alderton	1	Richard Blasse	1
John Chambers	5	6s.	
Bartholomew Wade	1	there is none other but such as take	
Thomas Addams	2	collection	
William Alderton	2	Thomas Rands	
Robert Bret	2	John Goodchild	Constables

*This return is undated, and appears to be copy.*

20th of October 1662.

A rat Mad for the Colecting of the mony for the harth in Badwell Ash.

John Beall gentle man for 7 hearthes	7. 0.
Abr: ffirst gent for 5 but wone out of yeus	4. 0.
John Muning for 6 hearthes	6. 0.
Sari Carnham widdo for 9	9. 0.
Dick: Gillbuett 5 but has wone out of yeus	4. 0.
John Bramston for 2	2. 0.
Thom: Hill for 3	3. 0.
Wido Syer for 3	3. 0.
John Syer for 3	3. 0.
John Maye for 5	5.00
Edw. Seaman for 2	2.00
Will: Edwards for 4	4.00
Edmund Seyde for 4	4.00
Martin Baratt for 4	4.00
Tho; Bennit for 4	4.00
Wido Baber & Longeman Ayton 2	2.00
Wido: Pope for 1	1.00
Edward Tanner for wone	1.00
John Clarke Senior for 2	2.00
Will: Andrews for 2	2.00
Wido: Andrewes for 1	1.00
Wido: Clarke for 1	1.00
Wido: Ropper 2 hareths	2.00
John Pattereck for 2	2.00
ffrances Staben for 1	1.00
John Clarke for 1	1.00

Wido: Clarke jennior	1.00
James Coo for 4	4.00
Thomas Stebbine 4	4.00
Elizabeth Baker widd 1	1.00
Willm Fenery returne 2	

Thomas Hill	} Constables	Numb. 91	£4. 11s.
Samiell Pope			

The names under writtin ar veri pore pepell and most of them take releff

Elizabeth Smith widdo for 1 harth	Will: Beats 1 harth
Tho: Clarke 2 hareths	John Ramply 1 harth
Wido Wad for 1 harth	John Nunne 1 harth
Will Eives 1 harth	Robt. Swane 2 harthes
Abr: Salt 1 harth	Edmond Clarke 1 harth
John Choerch 1 harth	29 <sup>o</sup> Octob. 1662.

These poore people abovesaid the Constables [*sic*] above written told me he demanded mony of them for their hearths and he could not get it of them in regard of their poerty but the said Constables said that they were returned as very poore people into the Exchequer and truely I know them to be soe. Witness my hand the day and yeare above written.

Tho: Syer Chief Constable.

*A further note is attached to the return:*

Badwell Ash 18<sup>o</sup> Octob. 1662.  
Blackborne Hund.

We the constables of Badwell Ash do certifie that William Fenery went out of our towne at Michaelmas last and we demanded two shillings for two fier hearths, and he did altogether refuse to pay the said two shillings and he said it was unconcionable high, Witnes our hands the day and yeere abovesaid.

Thomas Hill	} Constables.
Samuell Pope	

And there was noe distrisse to be had or taken. Witness my hand.

Tho: Syer high Constable.

Suff. Blackeborne Hundred (Bardwell)

Mrs Bridgit Read	harthes eighten
Mawris Baron Esq.,	harthes thre
Mr. William Collman	harthes fortien
Mr. John Carter	harthes fortien
Mr. William Rushbroke	harthes nine
Arthur Herion Clarke	harthes eight
Mr, William fuller	harthes five
Stephen Sillet	harthes fower
John Barrad	harthes thre
Andrew Sattifatt	harthes thre
Richard Gillder	harthes fower
Thomas Goase	harthes fower
William Green	harthes fower
Deborah Sillitt	harthes flower
Elisabeth Oramer	harthes too
Sachrioh (? Zachariah) Ffiske	harthes five
Robertt Ffenn	harthes too
John Dony	harthes too

Edmund Nueman	harthes fflower
William Craske	harthes thre
Thomos Wath	harthes five
Andrew Johnson	harthes three
Charles Dooc	harthes too
Sebostine Sillett	harthes one
John Sturgian	harthes one
Thomas Baker	harthes too
Richard Hamlin	harthes too
John Callon	harthes one
Thomas Turpin	harthes fower
Robert Warner	harthes too
Samuell Deyter	harthes too
Jacob Must	harthes fower
John Waller	harthes too
Stephen Waller	harthes one
Stephen Fuller	harthes one
Mr. Thomas Rushbroke	harthes one
George Linge	harthes thre
John Linge	harthes one
Widd. Linge	harthes one
John Rust	harthes one
Ane Coywich	harthes too
Magrett Girney	harthes one
William Tillitt	harthes one
Thomas Bradstrett	harth one
Samuell Cuge	hearth one
Robert Barval	hearth one
Elisabeth Munes	hearth one
Edmd. Brett	hearth one
Rodger Brett	hearth one
Elisabeth Balldrey	hearth one

The sum is 81<sup>l</sup> 3<sup>s</sup>

This is the Acomt of all the hearthes with the Increase or Decrease of the same within the townshipe of Bardwell given under our hands this twentieth daye of October 1662

Constables William fuller  
Will Green

Suff. A note of all the chimneyes in Barnham.

Octob. 27<sup>o</sup>  
1662

Of Mr. Locks for 5 chimneyes	5s 0d
Richard Lincoln for Barnham Hall	3s 0d
Mr. Garnham for the psonage house (2 chimneyes)	2s 0d
Mris Cooke widow 6 chimneyes	6s 0d
Of Willm Hindsby for 2 chimneyes	2s 0d
Of Willm Davy Sen. for 5 chimneyes of his own dwelling howse and 2 for the widow Mothersole	7s 0d
Of John Bower for 7 chimneyes	7s 0d
Of Robt. Linge for 2 chimneyes	2s 0d
Of Edmund Bootie Senr for 4 chimneyes	4s 0d
Of Peter Shipp for 1 chimney	1s 0d
Of John Bullerd Senr. for 3 chimneyes	3s 0d
Of Thomas Roper for 2 chimneyes	2s 0d

Of Willm Waby for 1 chimnye	1s
Of Elisha Diggerson for 2 chimnyes	2s
Of John Linge for 1 chimnye	1s
Of Mr Wells for 2 chimnyes	2s
Of Joachim Bower for 4 chimnyes	4s
Of Mathew Davy for 1 chimnye	1s
Of Willm Cage for 1 chimnye	1s
Of Robt Booty sen. for 2 chimnyes	2s
Of Widdow Haylyett for 1 chimnye	1s
Of John Gall for 2 chimnyes	2s
Of Sinion Baker for 2 chimnyes	2s
Of Robt Davy for 1 chimnye	1s
Of Edward fflowerdew one chimny	1s
Of Mr. Willm Cooke for 6 chimnyes	6s
Of Robert Bootty Jun. for 1 chimny	iis
Of Simon Hounds for 1 chimny	1s
Richard Waby for 2 chimnyes	2s
John fitt for 2 chimnyes	2s
Willm Plume for 2 chimnyes	2s
Christopher Harrison for 1 chimny	1s
Of John Hevurs for 4 chimnyes	4s
Thomas Legale for 3	3s

Numb. 88 £4: 19 [8/- crossed out]

The marke of  
Joabnie Bolver  
Isaac Bustells  
Constables

*The final entry and the altered total of this return are in a different hand, and so is the list added at the side :*

Richard Poole	2
John Banham	2
Willm Boydon	2
Robte. Garnham	2
Clement Buller	3

Numb 11 0-11s

*It is these additional eleven hearths which bring the total payment up to £4:19:- Also on the back are the names John Barker, Wm. Beales, and a further copy of the additional list.*

Suff.  
Barningham

A duplicate of all such fierharthes as are in our towne and the mony received to his magesties dues this 18th of October 1662.

Maurice Barrowe	33	£	s	Valintin Hazle	2	2
Edmond Calver	4	2:	13	William Carter	4	4
Thomas Plasents	6		4	John Horward	5	5
John Craske	6		6	Henery Coxsey	5	5
Thomas Carter	4		6	Anne Cortny wedd.	5	5
Edward fincham	7		4	Ursla Daye wedd.	2	2
John Barliman	5		7	William Calton	2	2
David Camby	7		5	Cimant Norman	1	1
Robart Barlyman Senr.	3		7	Thomas Cocke	1	1
			3	John Cocke	2	2



Robart Becrast	1	1	Rose Bobbe wedd.	2	2
Heneri Gosling	2	2	Thomas ? Milne*	1	1
Thomas Peri	1	1	Grace Couldham wedd.	1	1
Robart Barlyman jun.	4	4	William Randol	1	1
Seble Hawkin wedd.	3	3	Robert Toomsun	1	1
Thomas Hamblin	3	3	Dorritha Onge wedd.	1	1
John Hamblin	2	2	William Playfor	1	1
William Smith	1	1	James ? Milne*	1	1
Thomas Babbe	2	2	John Shead	2	2
John Flower	1	1	Charles Shead	1	1
Thomas Charman	1	1	Lenerd Eden	1	1
Cattrin Coxsay wedd.	1	1	Jeffrei Darby	1	1
John Iles	2	2	John Cobe	1	1
Thomas Spinke	1	1	Thomas Docket	1	1
Philip Barrad	1	1	Sara Rossles wedd.	1	1
Martha Underwod	2	2	Ales Whithed Wedd.	1	1
Robert Couldham	1	1	Robert Cortny	1	1
John Craske and John Barliman	}		Constables		

Sume is £7: 12s.

\* Both these names are the same; Milne seems the most probable form.

Cony Weston  
in Suffe.  
in blackeborne  
hundred.

October 22<sup>th</sup> 1662

A bill of all such severall somes of mony we have collected  
in our towne being commonly called the hearth mony with  
the severall names of all such psons as have paid thereto as  
followeth

Imp Mr Robert Sugden Clerke	0	5	0	John Warde	0	1	0
Mr Dooe	0	5	0	John Brett	0	3	0
Willm. Musket	0	4	0	Tho: Gray	0	1	0
Ann Baldwin	0	4	0	Robert Jeames	0	6	0
Thomas Adkins	0	1	0	Nicholas Grudgman	0	3	0
James Warde	0	6	0	Widd. Warde	0	1	0
Henry Sargent	0	4	0	Widd. Steggoll	0	1	0
Andrew Cocke	0	2	0	Tho: Whitehead	0	1	0
Thomas Boorlie	0	4	0	sum tot			ijl <sup>1</sup> xv <sup>s</sup>
George Howes	0	3	0				

James X                      Ward his <sup>rk</sup> ma  
the mark of                      Grudgman                      Constables  
Nickols X

On the back of this return is written in another hand:  
'Cony Weston. I pray sett your hands to this duplicat.'

Culford                      20<sup>o</sup> Octab. 1662

A note of the hearthes within the said towne.

The Lord Cornewallis	25
Richard Sommers Sen.	2
Robte Miller	4
Bar: Hunting	4
John Cocksedge	4

HEARTH TAX RETURNS, BLACKBOURNE 177

Martin Norwidge cler.	5
Richard Somers jun.	3
John Holor	2
Elizabeth Mulley widd.	2

By me John Cocksedge  
Constable

numb. 51

October the twentieth one Thowsand six Hundred Sixty and two.  
A bill of the names of those which paid for their Harthes withe their sumes with  
in our Towne of Elmswell according the ye Acte

Imprimis Garibur Webbe Esq.	13	Tho: Carvar	1.
Edward ffrances Clar.	6	Samuall Cole	3
Mis. Keittelbrough	5	William Bennett	1
Tho: ffeiske	6	Robart Pye	1
Mathe Marsle	7	William Driver	1
William Rose junior	3	Edward Walfield	2
Ann Steggell widd.	5	Tho: Walfield	2
Susan Winfield	6	Tho: Bradbrock	1
Samuell Parker	4	Widd: Janinges	1
Susan Hayward	5	Widd: Barnes	4
ffrances Maninge	5	William Rice	3
John Steggell junior	2	Robart ffeiske	4
Tho: Buckell	4	William Marshe	3
John Steggall junior*	2	Edward Marsh	3
Robert Spreing	4	Widd: Mathie	1
Isaac Walfield	3	John Walfield	4
William Muskett	2	Tho: Meekes	2
Edmund Pane	1	John Markall	4
Andrew Wallor	1	William Crow	3
Henrey Grene	2	John Tomson	3
Nicholas Vele	2	Bartholomew Steggell	1
ffrances Bowyn	1	Robart Rose	6
Ann Tarrbutt	1	John Cheinre	1
John ffullar	2	William Smyeth	3
Edward Westrup	1	John Woodes	1
William Rose Senior	2		

The sume is 71<sup>l</sup> 11<sup>s</sup>

John Tompson, Tho: Walfield, Constables

July 27th  
1 6 2

The number of Chimnyes with Hearths in the Towne of  
Euston in the Countie of Suffolke.

In Euston Hall	30
Edward Cole for littell fflakenham	6
In the Parsonage house Robt. Mathew	04
In Mr. John Salmon's house	05
In Tho: Nicholls house	04

21<sup>l</sup> 3<sup>s</sup>

In widd Skultocks house	03	A poore widdow
In Robt: Skultocks house	01	A poor labouringe man
In Widd Harpers house	01	A poore widdow
In Will Skultocks house	01	A poore labouringe man

In Will Spaldings house	01	
In Jacksons house	01	
In Will Broams house	01	A poore labouringe man
9s	Numb	58
Edward Cole one noo hearth		7

Suff	23 <sup>o</sup> Octob 1662	
ffakenham	The number of hearthes within the towne aforesaid	
Sir Lyenell Tallemach	John Garnham	1
hath hearths	Robte Downing	2
Sir Henery ffelton	Willm. Wellum	1
Mr. Rushbrooke	Robte Taylor	2
Mr. ffirst Cler	Stephen Taylor	1
Mrs. Rushbrooke widd.	Thomas Hamline	2
Mr. Hawnie	Willm. Hawkis	2
Robte Baker		
John Cobb		
Robte Browne		
Thoms Shead		
		numb. 94
		£4: 14: -
Signed		
Willm H Hawkes		
The marke of		
Robte R Taylor		
Constables.		

Blackborne	A list of the names of the Inhabitants of the Towne of	
Hundd	Hepworth and the severall Harthes belonging to the Inhabit-	
Hepworth	ants Lyable by the Ackte.	
Robt. Separd hearthes	6	John Aylmer 2
Edmund Craske	4	Thomas Londay 1
John Reeve	4	Martha Hagtre 3
William Bromdish	5	Richard Baker 3
Mary Martin	4	Richard Bird 5
James Noble	6	Thomas Raynolde 4
John Day	2	Leonard Copsedge 3
William Hasted	4	Silas Simper 1
Joseph Peecke	1	Ales Baker 1
Robt. Pett	2	Robt. Waters 2
George Bright	2	Roger Kettele 2
Robt. Day	2	Andrew Benton 1
Widow (Margerie) Baker	4	William Williamson (Wilson) 1
Thomas Ling	2	John Waller 2
Richard Barker	2	William Warne 1
Roger fuller	2	Richard Stiff 1
Paul fuller	2	James Hadly 1
Johnneten Youngman	1	John Gouldsmith 2
John Nateridge	2	William Baker jn. 1
John Pecke	1	John Sente 1
Edward Sewell	1	William Parken 1
William Barker senr.	3	
John Brigham	2	Sum is 5li 3s
John Aylmer	} Constables.	
William Baker		

*There is a further copy of this return, which begins:*

Mr Robt. Shepard in his parsonage wherein he liveth thre hearths In another tenament of his which stand empty thre hearths.

*The remainder of the return is the same, but the spelling is considerably better. I have tried to take what seems to be the best spelling in each case.*

*At the bottom of this second return is written in another hand:*

Hepworth 5li3s. Blackborne hund. Wherein one hearth is returned, but I question whether this hearth was not paid for at the last payment therefore will not adventure to return it.

*A separate note attached to the Hepworth return reads as follows:*  
Hepworth.

We returne Henery Gosling for one hearth he refusing to pay and there is noe distrese upon the ground to be taken.

William Baker and  
John Aylmer Constables.

This returne is since paid and cleared for ought I know

PR

Hinderclay  
October the  
17th 1662

A bill of the names of all those within our toune that hath paid for their hearthes together with the severall sumes what everie one hath paid.

Robert Howlet Minester for 5 hearthes	5s
Mary Mosse for 2 hearthes	2s
Edmunds Carter for 3 hearthes	3s
Elezebeth Melton for 2 hearthes	2s
Sammuell Morton for 2 hearthes	2s
Robert Howlet and William Baker for 4 hearthes in the Parsonage house	4s
William Mosse for 4 hearthes	4s
Thomas Smith for 4 hearthes	4s
Rogger Scarfe for 1 hearth	1s
Thomas Crow for 1 hearth	1s
Richard Ruddock for 3 hearthes	3s
Robert Barnam for 1 hearth	1s
Nathanell ffelton for 3 hearthes	3s
Edward Locke Sen. for 3 hearthes	3s
Robert Marline for 1 hearth	1s
Edward Locke Jun. for 2 hearthes	2s
Mary Locke for 4 hearthes	4s
John Common for 2 hearthes	2s
Thomas Callow for 3 hearthes	3s
Edmond Barnam for 1 hearth	1s
Thomas Brireton for 3 hearthes	3s
John Jaine for 4 hearthes	4s
Stephen Canham for 4 hearthes	4s
Richard Mosse for 5 hearthes	5s
John Jarker for 6 hearthes	6s
Richard Locke for 5 hearthes	5s
Symont Jenney for 1 hearth	1s
Jonathan Carter for 1 hearth	1s
James Mosse for 1 hearth	1s
George Nunn for 1 hearth	1s
Charles Cordy for 1 hearth	1s

Edward Locke	
Robte Martin	
Constables	
Widdow Hall for 2 hearthes	2s
Widd. Bret for 1 hearth	1s
James Billes for 1 hearth	1s
Thomas Billes for 1 hearth	1s
Thomas Richerson for 1 hearth	1s
Rafe Stebbens for 2 hearth	2s
Edmond Barham for 1 hearth	1s
Robert Hubberd for 2 hearth	2s
Thomas Woodworde for 1 hearth	1s
	<hr/>
sma est	12s

Honington Alest of the hearths with our towne.  
 Blackborne  
 october the 22  
 1 6 6 2

John Pag Vicar	5	Gorg Baker	2
Robert Rushbrock gent	8	Robert Wibrow	5
Robert Carsey gent	8	Thomas Cuandread	1
Sillnoshe (?) Martin gent	6	Edmund Halley	2
Henery Doo	2	Thomas Howlet	2
John Parkin	5		

Thoase whose names under written dooe not pay to Church and poore  
 but most of them take Relefe of the towne.

	numb. 46	2li 6s 0	Edmund Muske	1
John Cole	2		Robert Rush	2
Gilles fossit	2		Samuell Roboson	2
Thomas Carser	3			<hr/>
Thomas Parker	1		Numb.	13
Thomas Howlet		} Constables.		
Robert Wibrow				

Hopton A True Copy of the severell hearths of the Inhabitants of  
 the Towne of Hopton as they were given in at the Sessions  
 1 6 6 2

	hearthes	John Doo	3
Michaell Beresford Clk	6	John Page	3
John Tostacke	5	Hilbert Cocke	1
ffortine Miller widd	2	Jeames Ellegood	1
Tho: Reanc	4	Anthony Pearse	1
Tho: Catton	4	William Hedge	1
John Hayle	4	Henry Cawdle	1
Samuell Margery	4	William Cole	2
Nicholas Selfe	3	John Marell	2
Tho: Baxter	3	Robt. Mines	1
Tho: Mines	6	Richard Knights	1
George Showbery	5	William Knights	2
Henery White	1	Widd. Brooke	2
Elizabeth Brume widd	1	Nicholas Smyth	1
Tho: Dinke	2	Tho: Reade	1

HEARTH TAX RETURNS, BLACKBOURNE 181

Elizabeth Greene widd.	2	William Catton	5
John Hasted	1	ffrances Lesteres house	3
Richard Gilbert	3	William Reane	2
John Yongman	4	Henry Jeames	1
Margery Knights widd.	2	Edmund Simon	1
Willi Holmes	2	John Smyth	1
John Hill	2	Edmund Baterem	2
Steven Boldro	2	Thomas Nune	1
John Calton	5	Drue Cocke	3
John West	2	Jeames Pett	2
John Howlet	1	William Clay	1
Tho: Willes	1	The sume is 6 <sup>li</sup> 2 <sup>s</sup> 0	

John tostuck }  
 Thomas Baxtter }

Octobr ye 13th 1662

A true account of all ye inhabitants of our towne of Hunston that ar lyable by ye Act to pay for their hearths and of whom we have received those several sumes which are underwritten . . .

Impri. of Roger Wootten for eight hearths	0	8	0
It of Edmund ffrost for eight hearths	0	8	0
It of John Lurkin for fourteen hearths	0	14	0
It of Gregory Dawys for 6 hearths	0	6	0
It of Edward Howlett for five hearths	0	5	0
It of Thomas Page for eight hearths	0	8	0
It of Christopher ffiske for four hearths	0	4	0
It of William Heath for four hearths	0	4	0
It of Robert Cole for thre hearths	0	3	0
It of Thomas Smith for thre hearths	0	3	0
It of Samuell Page for one hearth	0	1	0

Wich several sumes with ye mony for our owne hearths who are ye Constables being for us both five shillings amount in all to £3: 9s 0d of wch sum we deducted according to ye Act seven pences for ye gathering of it.

John Amys  
 The marke of  
 Richard Lock ye  
 Constables

Suffc. 29 Octobris 1662  
 Blackborne  
 Hund.

These are to certifie unto all those whome it shall or may concerne that I Thomas Syer one of the Chiefe Constables of the Hundred aforesaid did demand a bill of the Constable of Ingham of the names of such psons as did pay for their fier hearths and stoves within the said towne, and he said he had not any bill written but he would deliver me one befor I paid the mony to the High Shriffe, but he did not deliver me one according to his promise. The mony that he paid me was 11<sup>li</sup> 16<sup>s</sup> 0 for 36 fier hearths for half a yeere ended the 29th Septemb: last past.

Witness my hand the day and yeere abovesaid.

By me Tho: Syer Chiefe Constable.

Ixworth 1662

George Arney gent	21	Stephen Spurlinge	1
Thomas Redington gent	7	Robert Monham	4
Susan Syer wid.	4	Thomas Parker senr.	2
Willm. Clarke	2	Tho: Bundwood	2
Margaret Colson wid.	1	Willm. Brundwood	2
Anne Peacocke, wid.	1	Willm. Doo	10
Francis Winiffe	1	Robt. Rogers	2
George Linacre	4	Roger Clarke	2
John Peacocke	3	Willm Danaby	1
— Lawrence wid.	2	Thomas Creame	2
Thomas Clarke	4	John Craske	4
Thomas Mathew	2	Robt. Jarvis	3
Sym: Godbold	3	Willm. Towler	2
Henry Walford	2	James Towler	2
John Godbold	5	Francis Goldsmith	1
John Hynard	1	James Doo	4
Margaret Vincent wid.	3	Thomas Pettit	1
Nicholas Ffulcher	2	Richard Bannocke	1
Joseph Lucas	1	John Man	1
Phillip Dale	3	Robert Mathew	2
John Mothersole	2	Thomas Jarvis	1
Gardiner Isham	5	Thomas Sparke	2
Anne Sharpe wid.	2	Eliazer Kettle	1
Thomas Nicholls	3	Anne Kent wid.	1
Richard Woods	4	John Anderson	1
Samuel Barfield	6	Robert Scaltocke	1
Thomas Tyler	1	Anne Skyner wid.	1
Willm. Syer	4	Richard Parker	1
George Beldero	11	Christopher Pettit	1
Rose Bradley wid.	3	— Person wid.	2
Richard Lucas	3	Willm. Fulcher	1
Elizabeth Fuller wid.	1	John Cagle	1
Anne Sampson wid.	1	Thomas Bray	5
Robert Youngs	2		
Sym: Boldero	3		
Joane Bray wid.	1		
Eliz: Baker wid.	1		

193 hearths  
£9: 13: -d

Thomas Clarke  
Thomas Mathew  
Constables

Suff.

Octo: the 21th 1662

Ixworth Thorp	The Duplicate of those Hearths that are Charged to pay ye Tax within our Towne		
James ffrost have seaven hearths	7	Tho: Remball have two	2
John Wright have fower	4	Rich: Hunt have one	1
John Craske have fower	4	Widd. Paine have one	1
John Butter have one	1	Joane fuller have one	1
Bridegitt Button have one	1	but have more need to have 1 <sup>s</sup>	
Robt: Newman have two	2	given her than taken	
Robt: Copp have three	3		
John Heylock have one	1		
John Howlett have two	2		

31 hearths

sum is 11i 11s

John Craske }  
John Heylock } Constables

Anot of all the hathes off the Inhabitans of Knetishall that ar Liabell to pay according to the akct.

John Doe	10 hathes	Thomas Ladyman	2 hathes
William Balden	5 hathes	John Pen	1 hath
Leonard Eldred	4 hathes	Mary Smeth	2 hathes
ffrances Bream	1 hath	William Howes the elder	2 hathes
John Tostock	2 hathes	John Cock	1 hath
William Howes	5 hathes	Robert Rogers	2 hathes
Clement Pet	1 hath		
John Chapman	2 hathes		
Richard Willason	1 hath		
			The sum is 2 <sup>li</sup> 1 <sup>s</sup>
Leonard Aldred Constable			

Suff. 26<sup>o</sup> Octob. 1662

Blackborne Hund. A note of the number of hearths and stoves within the Towne of Langham in the County aforesaid.

Impr. James ffrost cler.	5	Willm Page	1
Joseph Tillet	7	Robte Colline	1
Thomas Syer Senr.	6	Roger Marques	1
Richard Mallyward	7	Willm Mulley	1
John Jolly	6	Ralph Shulvard	1
Dorothy Rampley widd.	4	Stephen Bishopp	1
Thomas Syer jun.	3	Poore	
John Kemball	4	Willm Wright Sen	2
Edward Saker	3	John Banham	2
Symond Carpenter	5	Joseph Page	1
Henery Peake	3	Samuell fford	1
James Parker	1	Daniell Bayes	1
Edward Nethergate	3	Thomas Marques	2
Edmond Booth Sen.	3		
Edmond Booth Jun.	1		
Willm Smyth	2		
Robte Stebbine	1		
		Numb	79
		Sma est	3 <sup>li</sup> 19 <sup>s</sup> 0
Robte Colline	}	Constables	
Daniel Bayes			

*This whole return—apart from Daniel Bayes' signature—is in the hand of Thomas Syer senior, the Chief Constable. There is also a duplicate for the Langham list, which omits those listed by Thomas Syer as 'poore', and gives only 70 hearths, chargeable for £3: 10:-.*

*On the back of the original, Thomas Syer wrote These for Mr. Compline, Langham, and in another hand is written the new returns are to bee left for Mr. Complin at Bury—at Mr. Pages the Woollendrapers at the Crosse. hee pd. for Langham 9<sup>li</sup> for Hepworth 5<sup>li</sup>*

Livermere pva Suff.

A true list and note of all the hearthes and stoves in the towne above written under the hands and markes of the Inhabitants there July the 15th 1662

Henry Whitehead Clerke		Andrew Woodgate hath hearthes	1
hath hearthes	4	John Smart hath hearthes	1
Willm Cooke gent hath hearthes	10	James Peake hath hearthes	1
John Steggle hath hearthes	2	Widow Sucklinge hath harthes	1



Willm Millor hath hearthes	1	Robte Bishoppe hath hearthes	2
Rich: Lusher hath hearthes	4	Rich: Hardinges hath hearthes	4
Edmond Crowe hath hearthes	1	Richard Cooke hath hearthes	1
Willm Boggas hath hearthes	1		
John Wynniffe hath hearthes	1		
			Numb. 35

*Signed*  
 Robert Butcher }  
 John Steggle }      Constables

Norton Suff. Blackbon hundred      a list of all the names of The Inhabutence  
 of whom wee heave received for There harthes  
 The 20 of October 1662

Boro Mileson Esquier	16	William Syer	3
Seth Chapman menester	7	Thomas Nun	1
Samuell Asburne	6	Edward Sallet	3
Charles Turner	6	John Orsborne	3
Thomas Lewis	4	Robert Smeth	2
Peter Barnes	2	Thomas Nunn	2
Robert Heckfford	1	John Jackson	6
Henery fuller	1	William Pamant	3
Lucs Brumbly	3	Isacke Clarke	1
John Muly	2	John Hacknes	1
Henery Crady	2	Edward German	1
William fiske	6	John Pamant	2
Robert May	4	John Bradley	2
William Gooche	3	Mary Tayler	1
Robert fiske	5	Richerd Sugate	2
George Code	3	Ambras Clarke	1
William Baker	7	Mary Miles	2
Richard Clarke	4	John Cadges	1
Thomas Ward	5	Edmund Bailly	9
Samuell ffenn	2	Thomas Browne	4
John Cobold	1	George Browne	2
Elezabeth Buller	3	John Frost	5
Thomas Gooch	3	Nathanyell Vastor	1
Robert Rose	3	Robert Burd	1
Henery Ellegood	3	Stven Burd	1
Elezabeth Lewis	3	Thomas Ward	1
John Snelling	1	Thomas Martin	2
John Nunn	1	Thomas Osborne	1
John Downes	4	John Bert	1
Daniel Cartwright	3	Crestfor Fiske	2
Richerd Pament	6		
Thomas Brett	3		
Edmund Whait	4		
		The Sum Tottall 9li 14s 0d	

Daniel Cartwright  
 John Downes  
 Constables

Rickinghall infearior A Axsect and Just accountp of All the hearthes: With in our said Towne taken viewed and subscribed: By the Owners and Occpyers there of:

Owner	Mr Jues fflower hearthes	4
Occupyer	John Rowe two hearthes	2
Occupyer	John Rowe ffoure hearthes	4
Occupyer	Thomas James one hearth	1
Occupyer	John Beddwell one hearth	1
Occupyer	Thomas Lister two hearthes	2
Occupyer	Thomas Beart three hearthes	3
Owner	Thomas Crowne five hearthes	5
Occupyer	ffrances Simons widdow: three hearthes	3
Occupyer	John Meadowes two hearthes	2
Occupyer	Samauill Smith Six hearthes	6
Occupyer	Robert Neale three hearthes	3
Owner	John Barker two hearthes	2
Owner	Thomas Day two hearthes	2
Owner	William Beale two hearthes	2
Owner	John Simons ffoure hearthes	4
Occupyer	James Cullam two hearthes	2
Occupyer	John Day three hearthes	3
Occupyer	John Carter two hearthes	2
Owner	John Hart ffive hearthes	5
Occupyer	ffrancies Rockitt two hearthes	2
Owner	Thomas Allen one hearth	1
Occupyer	Edmond Beane three hearthes	3
Occupyer	Robert Howlett three hearthes	3

John Johnson	Numb	67
Stephen Archer		3li 7s 0
	John Barber	
	William Beales	

Sappeston 22 Octob. 1662  
 1662 A note of the hearthes within the said towne.

A trew acompt of the Hearth to Mihallmes last past.

Mr. John Aldham acknowledg	14	Elathan Grene acknowledg	1
John Hodson acknowledg	8	Will. Nayllor acknowledg	2
John Browne acknowledg	5	John Selfbury acknowledg	1
John Williamsun acknowledg	2	John Goody junior acknowledg	1
Edm: Debnaham acknowledg	2	Roburt fossett acknowledg	1
Hen: Norman acknowledg	4	Roburt Dooe acknowledg	1
Jo: Day acknowledg	3	John Debnam acknowledg	2
Jo: Nobett acknowledg	3	Gorge Manes acknowledg	1
Richard Dent acknowledg	1	Will. Youings acknowledg	1
Tho: Pare acknowledg	1	Robert Asty acknowledg	1
John Pim acknowledg	1		
Robart Asty acknowledg	3		
John Goody Senior acknowledg	2	Numb.	61

John Noble	}	Constables
John Day		

Stanton October 11th 1662

A true Acompte of our hearthes within our Towne of Stanton together with the names of the occupieres therof with there sum of mony by us recieved & sett down to there names for halfe a yeere ending the last Mickielmasse 1662.

	£	s	d
Gamaliel Capell Doctir of Divinity hath six hearthes received of him	6		
John Mynott hath six rec'd of him	6		
Burrow Clark hath thre rec'd of him	3		
Edward Seaman hath ffive rec'd of him	5		
Richard Greene hath ffive rec'd of him	5		
Ambrosse Baker hath six rec'd of him	6		
William Nunn hath thre rec'd of him	3		
Thomas Gooch hath flower rec'd of him	4		
John Newman hath flower, beside one that fell downe before Michialmasse rec'd of him	5		
Joan Stegle hath Three rec'd of hir	3		
Edward Wybro hath Three rec'd of him	3		
Phillip Jones hath Three rec'd of him	3		
John Seaman hath seven rec'd of him	7		
<i>(here a note is inserted in another hand: tow of thos that wear set one</i>			
<i>Ann Futters head ar put upon John Seaman)</i>			
Ann Futter hath one rec'd		1	
Steph Hovill hath three rec'd of him		3	
Suzan Dawson wid. hath three rec'd		3	
Katherin Sayer hath one rec'd of her		1	
Amee Sayer hath three rec'd of her		3	
Robte Scott hath ffower rec'd of him		4	
Thomas Stevinson hath five rec'd of him		5	
Edmond Eagle hath one rec'd of him		1	
Henry Cay hath one rec'd of him		1	
Nicholas Newton hath three rec'd of him		3	
Mary Sayer hath three rec'd		3	
John Rogers hath two rec'd of him		2	
Giles Rust hath one rec'd of him		1	
John Orvice hath two rec'd of him		2	
Charles Dawson hath ten rec'd of him		10	
Margery Gillman hath three rec'd of hir		3	
John Dawson hath two rec'd of him		2	
John Penall hath one rec'd of him		1	
Robte Tomson hath one rec'd of him		1	
Thomas Valiant hath one rec'd of him		1	
William Harrison hath one rec'd of him		1	
William Cocksiege hath two rec'd of him		2	
John Goldsmyth hath two rec'd of him		2	
Thomas Seaman hath three rec'd of him		3	
Roger Brett hath two rec'd of him		2	
John Hadlie hath two rec'd of him		2	
Mary Gooch		2	
Margeritt Stafe		2	
Thomas Grime		2	
Robte Breeme		1	
William Brett		1	
John Wells		2	
Thomas Radnall		1	
Samuell Townson		1	

Sum £11: 10: -

William Martin Clarke hath nyne rec'd of him	9	Robte Osbourne	2
Robte Sheapherd	7	Thomas Garrard	1
Mary fforde wid.	3	James Kene	1
John Newton	3	James Withers	1
Ann Newton	1	William Bradlie	2
William Brett	3	John Haward	1
Thomas Girling	3	Thomas Harris	2
Robte Cotten	5	Ann Eye	1
Thomas Brett	3	Christopher Cocke	1
Thomas Warner	3	Steph Gillman	2
William Hawys	4	Ann Brett wid.	1
Robte Cartter	1	John Wybro	1
John Sutton	3	Steph Gorbald	1
John Bray	2	Margeritt Bishop	1
Francis Rogers	2	Ann ffuller	2
James Cattmer	6	Suzan Brett	1
John Waller	1	William Hovill	2
Thomas Roper	2	Thomas Row	1
Nicholas Scott	1	John Knocke	1
George Jues	2		

poore people these be hereunder & doe recieve almes at Christmasse

Richard Oxer	1
John Cocke	2
John Woodward	1
William Browne	1
Georg Jourden	1
John Edens	1

£4: 16: -d

Constables  
Thomas Girling  
Thomas Gooch

Stowlangtoft July the 19: 1662

A trew Accounte of the harths and stoves within ye Towne aforesayde

Item The Lady Doulton	20 harths	Roberte Gilbirde	3
Mr. Speed	6	William Mays	3
Mr. Gascoigne	4	William Linge	3
Roberte Church	5	John Witherby	3
Widdow Clarke	4	Roberte Mulle	1
Thomas Callowe	3	Roberte Rugge	4
Thomas Thurston	1	Edward Mayhue	2
Roberte Tye	1	Abraham ffuller	1
Roberte Talbote	2	The Widdow Button	2
Thomas Wrighte	1	Sm is 3 <sup>li</sup> 10 <sup>s</sup> 0	
Widdow Pulforde	1		

John Witherby  
Robeart Mully  
Constables

Thelnetham October the 10th 1662

A list of the names of all such persons as we have received the moneyes taxed upon them by an act of Parliament for hearths.

Robt. Bridghame	5	Christow Doyly	6
Joseph Paine	4	Mr. Carlile Clerk	8
Widd. Reeve	3	Richard Twight	3
Robt. Tayler	3	Willm Sparke	1
Abrahame Witherill	5	Martha Smith widd	9
Willm Wyard	4	John Smith	4
Tho: Bert Sen.	3	Widd: Hodge	2
Roger Barre	2	Willm Bayter	1
Edmond Seldon	5	Willm Smith	1
John Eldride	2	Tho: Person	2
Jonathan Albon	1	Robt: florde	3
John Bittle	2	Willm. Symonds	3
Willm. Spinke	1	Edward Rushbrook	1
Willm. Chambers	3	John Bugg	1
John Silman	2	Edmond Parkin	1
Tho: Bert jun	2	Climint Warner	3
Widd: Worlich	2	John Person	1
John ffoldier	2	Anthony Luffe	2
John James	2	Willm. Wright	1
Tho: Hamond	1	Tho: Dobby	4
Tho: Corke	3	Barniby Brande	1
John Locke	6	John Reeve	1
Edward Tayler	4		
Edmond Muskitt	1		
Tho: Bridghame	1		
Edward Cordwell	1		
		Tho: Smith	
		Abraham Wetherell	
			Sume tottalle 6li 9s
			Constables

Suffolk

Troston

Blackborn

July the 20th  
1662

We the Constables of the toune a fore sayd have vood every house and every dweller ther in doe sertifie that they have no more herthes than we have sene as heere foloueth—

fritz nunne Lambe Esq., hath harthes	15	Thomas Boule	1
Edward Bradfilede gent	8	John Aslie	1
Samuell Bradstreete Clerk	4	John Bullard	1
John Hadsun gent	3	Luke Ager	1
Richard Peake	4	John Rigsby	2
Edmon Greengrasse	5	Mathua Francis widdow	1
Robert Paterige	3	Thomas Wixe	2
Henry Sewell	2	John Haylet	2
Marye Maser widdow	1		2li 19s 0

Thos under writin are very puore peple & of smalle estate & doe take ther parte of anie monie given to the toune—

Richard Button hath	1	Dorithie Coumer	2
Francis Cranmor	3	Robert Winnife cler	1

Thomas Edinges 1  
 Joseph Maslie 1  
 John Snelle 1  
 John Tame 1

11s 0d

Roger Greengrasse }  
 Thomas Boule } Constables

Thes all complaine that  
 they are not able to paye

Totall 3li 10s 0d

Thomas Edings }  
 John Snelle } ware gone  
 out of towne  
 be fore we  
 had order  
 to gather it.

Walsham 20<sup>o</sup> Octobris 1662

William Ramply 7  
 John Grocer 6  
 Samuell Canham Sr 4  
 William Grome 2  
 Robart Rainberd 7  
 Leanard Nun 4  
 Widdow Godard 2  
 Thomas Drake 1  
 Isack Carter 2  
 William Hawes 2  
 George Cumplin 4  
 Robart Hagtree 4  
 John Parkin 3  
 John Baker 1  
 Richard Roper 5  
 William Camplin 6  
 The Parsonage 4  
 Edmond Hardin 3  
 Margery Grocer 1  
 Robart Goulsell 1  
 John Page 2  
 John Vinsent 4  
 Henry Clarke 3  
 Mr. John Page 7  
 Edmund Hingby 3  
 Robart Baker 2  
 William Ellet 2  
 Richard Rainberd jr. 6  
 Simund Mergery 4  
 William Page 1  
 Margeret Sapster 1  
 Samuell Canham Jn. 3  
 Auther Hill 3  
 Nathaniell Rainberd 5  
 Thomas Daines 2  
 Thomas Cooke 3  
 Stephen Rainberd 4  
 Robert Smith 2  
 Edmund Bridges 1

Thomas Horne 1  
 William Scace 1  
 Thomas Ramply 7  
 Henry Davy 3  
 Thomas Davy 1  
 James Hawes 3  
 Thomas Seaman 6  
 John Biby 1  
 William Syer 1  
 Robart Warner 2  
 Robart Ducke 2\*  
 John Howlet 4  
 Thomas Rice 3  
 Henry Blocke 1  
 Stephen Vinsent 1  
 Robart Syer 2  
 Thomas Roper 5  
 Richard Rainberd Se. 3  
 Regnald Page 3  
 Elizebeth Rainberd 5  
 Stephen Vinsent: Se. 4  
 John Vinsent: Se 4  
 John Mager 3  
 Robart Pask 4  
 Thomas Martin 5  
 Laurance Rainberd 4  
 William Titshall 4  
 Edmund Nicolas 1  
 Richard Clarke 2  
 William Pecke 1  
 Jonathan Turner 2  
 John Rainberd 7  
 Jeames Neale 1

Sma est 11li 2s 0

Robart Collsoll  
 Signed  
 James X Hawes  
 Constables

\* Nihil written by this entry in another hand.

Wattisfield  
Blackborne  
hundred

October 16th 1662

An accompt of the hearths and stoooves within our Towne. As also the names and Sur names of all that are lyable to pay the same accordinge to an acte of parliment in that cause made. By us the constables of the sd. Towne as followeth (viztt) What we have recevd: and of whom.

	hearths.	Money recevd.
Clement Heigham Esqr	21	21s
John Norton Clarke	04	04s
William Bearte	03	03
Andrew Heasted	06	06
John Craske	06	06
John Mallowes	04	04
William Heasell	05	05
Thomas Pett	02	02
Phillip Vesey	04	04
Elizabeth Mallowes widd	07	07
Robtt Negouse	03	03
William Whitehand Junr	04	04
Jonathen Mason	03	03
Miles Callon	04	04
Thomas Townson	02	02
John Raynbard	04	04
Thomas Mallowes	03	03
John Dennis	02	02
Samuwel Laster	02	02
Beniaman Pett	03	03
Thomas Garlund	04	04
John Burlingham	01	01
John Jessup	03	03
Thomas Burlingham	01	01
Thomas ffeveryeere	03	03
William Hammund	01	01
Richard Scarfe	02	02
Liddia Mason widd.	01	01
Nikolas Heasell	01	01
Beniaman Carnham	02	02
Richard Lufs (?)	02	02
Christian Osborne widd.	04	04
Richard Bishopp	01	01
frances Spinke	01	01
John Warren	01	01
Richard frost	02	02

The number of hearths 122

The monyes received  
is six pounds & two  
shillings. Whereof ded-  
ucted 1s for collect-  
inge.

Rich. Bishope  
Miles Callon } Constables

Weston Markett Suffolk July 19 1662

These are to certifie unto whom it may concern that the number of harthes belonging to every pticular house Are as followeth:

Wiseman Buckingham Esq	12	Henery Sugdin	03
Maurice Mosely Clerke	04	William Cock	01
Robert Hawes	06	Robert Brooke	03
Edmond Rose	03	Robert Lanham	04
Margret Browton	02	John Angould	04
Thomas Warladye	01	Robert Peake	03
William Simons	04	William Amnir	03
John Smith	01	Margret How	01
Isaack Day	02	John Searles	01
John Parkin Jun	01	Timothy Amond	02
Edmond Betts	08	John Parkin Senior	03
Ro: Aldridge	08	John Negus	04
Jeremiah Rust	05	Thomas Peake	03
Thomas Lanhamore	01		
		The sum is 4li 13s	
John Parkin	} Constables		
John Negus			

Weston Market Suffolk: October 27: 1662:

The names of those psons whoe ar dead Since the accounts of the harthes were takin And the goods gone and noe distress possibly to be takin: With the names of those who ar living and yit in such povertie as no distress is to be takin: With the names also of those who take Colection of the town and ar dayly releived by there Neighbors or must psantly perish: and yit through the Constables the Act were put into the bill which was given into the Clerk of the peace at the Sessions.

John Parkin } Constables  
John Negus }

Miles Rix dead	
And no distress to be had	1
Peter How no distress to be had	2
Sary Greengrass noe distress to be had	1
Laurance Hamblin noe distress to be had	1
Margaret Parkin noe Distress to be had	1

Sufk 22<sup>o</sup> Octob: 1662

Westowe			
Sir John Crofts	17	Thomas Stimson	1
Robert Whitt	5	John Andrewes	3
Thomas Boyton	5	Phillip Nun	2
Susant Ffletcher	3	Thomas Burton	1
John Crow	3	Joseph Mully	2
Anna Layman	2	Isack Selby	2
Peetter Parrish	3	Robert Barritt	1
ffrances Ladyman widd	3	Edmant Banyard	1
Nicholas Miller	2		
Thomas Garrid	1		
Robert Gow	1		
Richard Reeve	2		
Alin How	2		
Richard King	1		
		Numb. 63	
		Signed	
		Thomas X Garrad	} Constables
		Nicholas Miller	



Wordwell

22 Octob 1662

A bill of the hearthes within the said Towne

Impr	Mr. John Harvey	5
	Mr. Adamson cler	5
	John Cocke	2

---

Numb. 12

John Cocke, Constable.