

Reeves and Greaves. In his interesting paper on this subject,¹⁶ Dr. Cane touches on, but does not make clear, the relationship between the two terms. *Reeve* is the modern descendant in the Midlands and the South of Old English (*ge*)*rēfa*, which is not to be confused with *greave*. In (*ge*)*rēfa* the *g* was pronounced like a *y*; the prefix disappeared and the word became *reve* in Middle English. The corresponding modern form in Scotland and Northern England is *grieve* which derives from Old Northumbrian **grāfa*, the northern equivalent of the West Saxon (*ge*)*rēfa*. The initial *g* was hard and gave Middle English *greve*.

A third form, with approximately the same meaning, is found in the Scandinavian counties, Middle English *greyve*, from Old Norse *grēife*. In South Yorkshire in the sixteenth century, the English *greve* and the Scandinavian *greyve* were pronounced very much alike and their spellings became confused. Both terms had given rise to surnames, the English *greve* now surviving as *Greeves*, *Greaves* or *Grieves*, the Scandinavian *greyve* usually as *Graves*. The *Rotherham greave* is a survival of Old Northumbrian **grāfa*.

In Suffolk, the normal English form was (*ge*)*rēfa* which is found as *reve* side by side with the Scandinavian *greyve*. In a Suffolk document of the reign of Henry III in the Colchester Cartulary we find *Hubert le Greyue* and in 1317 in the Suffolk Fines *William le Greive*, whilst in the 1327 Subsidy Roll we have both *Guy le Reve* and *Adam le Reuesson*. Both forms still survived in the 1524 Subsidy Roll: *John Greve* and *John Greyve* the elder. The *Bungay reeve* derives from Old English (*ge*)*rēfa*.

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A Seventeenth Century Token. Mr. Alex. E. Rollings, of Debenham, reports that a halfpenny token, issued by John Blumfeild of Worlingworth, was found in the parish of Debenham in the spring of 1954. This is No. 358 on page 76 of Golding's *Coinage of Suffolk*, and bears on the obverse the arms of the Grocers' Company, a chevron between nine cloves. L.D.

Ancient Monuments in Suffolk. The following is a list of Ancient Monuments in Suffolk which have been scheduled by the Ministry of Works under the Acts of 1913 and 1931; it is taken from pages 90-91 of the *List of Ancient Monuments in England and Wales* (H.M.S.O., 1953). Members are urged to report promptly to the Secretaries of the Institute any damage or threat of damage to these monuments which may come to their notice.

¹⁶ *Proc. Suff. Inst. Arch.*, vol. xxvi, pp. 148-54.