

# HUNTINGDONSHIRE

**ALCONBURY** 5185 2761. Borough 1319 (BF, p. 126). Assessed as a borough in 1319, but this probably reflects its status as ancient demesne, rather than its urban character (J.F. Willard, ‘Taxation boroughs and parliamentary boroughs’ in J.G. Edwards, V.H. Galbraith and E.F. Jacob eds, *Historical Essays in Honour of James Tait* (Manchester, 1933), p. 432; Glasscock, p. 136). 1334 Subsidy £70.67. VCH suggests that the market and fair may have been transferred here from Alconbury Weston, Huntingdon, which is approximately one mile to the north west (*VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, p. 4). See also *VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, p. 4.

**M** (Charter) Thurs; gr 2 Feb 1305, by K Edw I to John de Segrave. To be held at the manor of Wodeweston (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 49). Market recorded in 1328, 1332 and 1356. It was not functioning in the sixteenth century (Masschaele, pp. 169–70).

**F** (Charter) vfm+6, John the Baptist (24 Jun); gr 2 Feb 1305, by K Edw I to John de Segrave. To be held at the manor of Wodeweston (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 49). Fair continued until the nineteenth century (*VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, p. 4).

**ALWALTON** 5133 2959. 1334 Subsidy £36.63. See also *VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, p. 133.

**M** (Charter) Fri; gr 7 Aug 1268, by K Hen III to A and C of Peterborough (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 101). Market recorded in 1286; the *quo warranto* enquiry was adjourned (*QW*, p. 303). Market had ceased to function by the 1330s (Masschaele, p. 170).

**BRAMPTON** 5215 2707. Borough 1319 (BF, p. 126). Assessed as a borough in 1319, but this probably reflects its status as ancient demesne, rather than its urban character (J.F. Willard, ‘Taxation boroughs and parliamentary boroughs’ in J.G. Edwards, V.H. Galbraith and E.F. Jacob eds, *Historical Essays in Honour of James Tait* (Manchester, 1933), p. 432; Glasscock, p. 136). 1334 Subsidy £86.60. VCH does not mention a market or fair. See also *VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, pp. 12–17.

**M** (Prescriptive: borough) No further information for the market.

**BUCKWORTH** 5148 2768. 1334 Subsidy £112.50. See also *VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, p. 23.

**M** (Charter) Tues; gr 9 Jan 1256, by K Hen III to Simon son of Richard de Bukeswrth (*QW*, p. 299). To be held at the manor. Simon son of Richard produced the charter as evidence in the *quo warranto* enquiry of 1286.

**F** (Charter) Mon and Tues in Whit week (Easter dep); gr 9 Jan 1256, by K Hen III to Simon son of Richard de Bukeswrth (*QW*, p. 299). To be held at the manor. Simon son of Richard produced the charter as evidence in the *quo warranto* enquiry of 1286.

**CHESTERTON** 5127 2954. 1334 Subsidy £58.25. See also *VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, p. 142.

**M** (Charter) Tues; gr 28 Oct 1254, by K Hen III to Osbert, P of Royston (*CPR*, 1247–58, p. 378). Market was not functioning in 1286. There is no further evidence for the market (Masschaele, p. 170; *VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, p. 142).

**F** (Charter) vfm, Michaelmas (29 Sept); gr 28 Oct 1254, by K Hen III to Osbert, P of Royston (*CPR*, 1247–58, p. 378). There is no further evidence for the fair (*VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, p. 142).

**EARITH** 5384 2747. Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 474). See also *VCH Huntingdonshire*, ii, p. 155.

**M** (Charter) Wed; gr 25 Sept 1318, by K Edw II to John, bp of Ely, the chancellor. To be held at the manor (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 391). Masschaele suggests that the market was not successful (Masschaele, p. 170).

**F** (Charter) vfm, James (25 Jul); gr 25 Sept 1318, by K Edw II to John, bp of Ely, the chancellor (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 391). To be held at the manor.

K James I confirmed the 1318 grant of the market and fair (*VCH Huntingdonshire*, ii, p. 155).

**EVERTON** 5201 2511. 1334 Subsidy £33.75. The parish of Everton was mainly in Bedfordshire, with part in Huntingdonshire, until 1844 when the whole parish was transferred to Huntingdonshire (*Guide*, i, pp. 6, 249). See also *VCH Huntingdonshire*, ii, p. 370.

**M** (Charter) Wed; gr 20 Feb 1307, by K Edw I to Walter de Langeton, bp of Coventry and Lichfield. To be held at the manor (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 81). Masschaele states that the market was not successful (Masschaele, p. 170).

**F** (Charter) vfm, Bartholomew (24 Aug); gr 20 Feb 1307, by K Edw I to Walter de Langeton, bp of Coventry and Lichfield (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 81). To be held at the manor.

**FARCKET** 5202 2946. 1334 Subsidy £105. See also *VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, pp. 166–9.

**M** (Charter) Fri; gr 26 Sept 1353, by K Edw III to A and C of Thorneye [Thorney abbey] (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 130). To be held at the town.

**F** (Charter) vfm, Assumption of Mary (15 Aug); gr 26 Sept 1353, by K Edw III to A and C of Thorneye [Thorneye abbey] (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 130). To be held at the town.

**FEN STANTON** 5321 2688. 1334 Subsidy £161.75. See also *VCH Huntingdonshire*, ii, p. 281.

**M** (Charter) Thurs; gr 26 Oct 1315, by K Edw II to John de Seagrave. To be held at the manor (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 289). Market recorded in 1332, but may have fallen into disuse by the 1350s. It was not operating in the sixteenth century (Masschaele, pp. 169–70).

**F** (Charter) vf+6, Peter and Paul (29 Jun); gr 26 Oct 1315, by K Edw II to John de Seagrave (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 289). To be held at the manor.

**GLATTON** 5153 2861. 1334 Subsidy £144.25. See also *VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, pp. 177–82.

**M** (Prescriptive) recorded 20 Mar 1244, *mercatum*, held by Peter de Malo Lacu. The sh of Huntingdon was ordered to proclaim and cause to be held the market which the king [presumably K Hen III] had conceded to Peter de Malo Lacu in the manor, which he formerly held of the king's baliwick on that day on which it was conceded to him, unless in the time of the aforesaid Peter, the market was removed by the *curia regis* because it was damaging nearby markets (*CR*, 1242–7, p. 171).

**GODMANCHESTER** 5245 2707. Borough 1319 (BF, p. 126). 1334 Subsidy £142.67. Site of Roman fort and settlement. Assessed as a borough in 1319, but this probably reflects its status as ancient demesne, rather than its urban character (J.F. Willard, 'Taxation boroughs and parliamentary boroughs' in J.G. Edwards, V.H. Galbraith and E.F. Jacob eds, *Historical Essays in Honour of James Tait* (Manchester, 1933), p. 432; Glasscock, p. 136). Nevertheless, the later medieval settlement had some commercial features (J.A. Raftis, *A Small Town in Late Medieval England: Godmanchester 1278–1400* (Toronto, 1982), esp. pp. 189–201). No grants were made to hold a market or fair here in the medieval period. However, it is probable that a market was held at Horseshoe Corner. Market first mentioned in 1533 (*VCH Huntingdonshire*, ii, p. 291). Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 474).

**M** (Prescriptive: borough) No further information for the market.

**GREAT GIDDING** 5116 2832. 1334 Subsidy £100.09. See also *VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, p. 51.

**M** (Charter) Wed; gr 28 Sept 1303, by K Edw I to John Engayne. To be held at the manor (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 37). Market recorded in 1328, 1331 and 1332, but not in the mid fourteenth century. It was not functioning in the sixteenth century (Masschaele, pp. 169–70).

**F** (Charter) vfm, Nativity of Mary (8 Sept); gr 28 Sept 1303, by K Edw I to John Engayne. To be held at the manor (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 37). There is no further record of the fair (*VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, p. 51).

**HARTFORD** 5256 2725. Borough 1319 (BF, p. 126). Assessed as a borough in 1319, but this probably reflects its status as ancient demesne, rather than its urban character (J.F. Willard, 'Taxation boroughs and parliamentary boroughs' in J.G. Edwards, V.H. Galbraith and E.F. Jacob eds, *Historical Essays in Honour of James Tait* (Manchester, 1933), p. 432; Glasscock, p. 136). 1334 Subsidy £25. *VCH* does not mention a market or fair. See also *VCH Huntingdonshire*, ii, pp. 171–5.

**M** (Prescriptive: borough) No further information for the market.

**HOLME** 5188 2877. Borough 1279 (BF, p. 127). See also *VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, p. 185.

**M** (Prescriptive: borough) recorded 1296–7, *forum*, held by Edmund, earl of Cornwall (L.M. Midgely ed., *Ministers' Accounts of the Earldom of Cornwall 1296–1297*, Camden third series, vol lxviii (London, 1945), vol ii, p. 177). Market recorded in 1314, held by K Edw II (*CPR*, 1313–17, p. 242). It had no profits in 1368. It was not functioning in the sixteenth century (Masschaele, p. 170; *VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, p. 185).

**F** (Letter Close) vfm, Gregory the Pope (12 Mar); gr 17 Oct 1314, by K Edw II (*CCR*, 1313–18, p. 119). To be held at the king's manor. Mandate to the sh of Huntingdon to proclaim the fair in the full county court.

**F** (Letter Close) vfm, Giles the A (1 Sept); gr 17 Oct 1314, by K Edw II (*CCR*, 1313–18, p. 119). To be held at the king's manor. Mandate to the sh of Huntingdon to proclaim the fair in the full county court.

**HUNTINGDON** 5240 2717. Borough captured by K Edw the Elder in 917 (BF, p. 127). Mint Edmund–Edgar, c.979–1154. 1334 Subsidy £120. County town in 1011. Borough in Domesday Book (BF, p. 127; Darby, p. 365). Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 474). Fair 1587, 'all the Lady days' [presumably 25 Mar and 15 Aug] (Harrison, p. 393). See also *VCH Huntingdonshire*, ii, pp. 121, 132.

**M** (Prescriptive: borough, mint) recorded 963. In creating a market at Peterborough, Northamptonshire (*q.v.*) in 963, K Edgar stated that there was to be no other between Stamford, Lincolnshire (*q.v.*) and Huntingdon (M. Swanton ed., *The Anglo Saxon Chronicle* (London, 1996), p. 116). In 1227, the burgesses of Huntingdon complained that the A of Ramsey's market and fair at St Ives, Huntingdonshire (*q.v.*) was damaging the town of Huntingdon (*CRR*, xiii, no. 386).

**F** (Charter) Mon before Ascension for 10 days (Easter dep); gr 5 Mar 1252, by K Hen III to burgesses of Huntingdon (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 379). To be held in the town.

**KEYSTON** 5043 2754. 1334 Subsidy £90.

**M** (Charter) Wed; gr 12 May 1341, by K Edw III to Robert de Ferariis. To be held at the town (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 5). Masschaele states that the market was not successful (Masschaele, p. 170).

**F** (Charter) vf+5, John the Baptist (24 Jun); gr 12 May 1341, by K Edw III to Robert de Ferariis (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 5). To be held at the town.

**F** (Charter) vf+5, Decollation of John the Baptist (29 Aug); gr 12 May 1341, by K Edw III to Robert de Ferariis (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 5). To be held at the town.

**KIMBOLTON** 5099 2679. In the 1334 Lay Subsidy, Kimbolton was assessed with the soke at £150. In 1086, the soke of Kimbolton extended into Swineshead, Great and Little Catworth in Huntingdonshire and Keysoe and ‘Homefield’ in Bedfordshire (Glasscock, p. 138). Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 474). See also *VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, p. 76.

**M** (Charter) Fri; *mercatum*, gr 28 Apr 1200, by K John to G[eoffrey] fitz Pet[er]. To be held at the manor (*RCh*, p. 55). 1200, *Nova Oblata*: Geoffrey owed five palfreys for having a market and a fair (see below) (*PR*, 2 John, p. 47; *PR*, 3 John, p. 68). In 1286, Humphrey de Bohun, earl of Hereford and Essex, could not show sufficient warrant for his market; the case was adjourned (*QW*, p. 303). A market was recorded in 1328, 1332, 1354, 1355 and 1356 (Masschaele, p. 169). On 20 Nov 1522, K Hen VIII granted a Fri market to Sir Richard Wyngfeld, together with the manor, which was ‘part of Buckingham’s possessions’ (*L and P Hen VIII*, iii, no. 2682). The market continued until c.1890 (*VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, p. 76).

**F** (Charter) v+2, Andrew (30 Nov); *feria* gr 28 Apr 1200, by K John to G[eoffrey] fitz Pet[er]. To be held at the manor (*RCh*, p. 55). 1200, *Nova Oblata*: Geoffrey owed five palfreys for having a fair and a market (see above) (*PR*, 2 John, p. 47; *PR*, 3 John, p. 68). In 1286, Humphrey de Bohun, earl of Hereford and Essex, could not show sufficient warrant for his fair; the case was adjourned (*QW*, p. 303). On 20 Nov 1522, K Hen VIII granted a fair on St Andrew’s day to Sir Richard Wyngfeld, together with the manor, which was ‘part of Buckingham’s possessions’ (*L and P Hen VIII*, iii, no. 2682).

**F** (Charter) vf, Trans of Thomas (7 Jul); gr 15 Mar 1441, by K Hen VI to Humphrey, earl of Buckingham, Hereford, Stafford, Northampton and Perche (*CChR*, 1427–1516, p. 14). To be held at the town.

**F** (Charter) Tues and Wed in Easter week (Easter dep); gr 15 Mar 1441, by K Hen VI to Humphrey, earl of Buckingham, Hereford, Stafford, Northampton and Perche (*CChR*, 1427–1516, p. 14). To be held at the town.

On 1 Sept 1523, K Hen VIII granted Sir Ric[hard] Wyngfeld a fair on f Mary Magdalene (22 Jul) (*L and P Hen VIII*, no. 3376).

**KING’S RIPTON** 5261 2765. Borough 1319 (BF, p. 127). Assessed as a borough in 1319, but this probably reflects its status as ancient demesne, rather than its urban character (J.F. Willard, ‘Taxation boroughs and parliamentary boroughs’ in J.G. Edwards, V.H. Galbraith and E.F. Jacob eds, *Historical Essays in Honour of James Tait* (Manchester, 1933), p. 432; Glasscock, p. 136). 1334 Subsidy £19.56. *VCH* does not mention a market or fair. See also *VCH Huntingdonshire*, ii, pp. 207–10.

**M** (Prescriptive: borough) No further information for the market.

**OFFORD CLUNY** 5219 2670. Borough 1319 (BF, p. 127). Assessed as a borough in 1319, but this probably reflects its status as ancient demesne, rather than its urban character (J.F. Willard, ‘Taxation boroughs and parliamentary boroughs’ in J.G. Edwards, V.H. Galbraith and E.F. Jacob eds, *Historical Essays in Honour of James Tait* (Manchester, 1933), p. 432; Glasscock, p. 136). 1334 Subsidy £35.63. *VCH* does not mention a market or fair. See also *VCH Huntingdonshire*, ii, pp. 319–22.

**M** (Prescriptive: borough) No further information for the market.

**RAMSEY** 5291 2852. 1334 Subsidy £91.50. Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 474).

**M** (Charter) Wed; *mercatum*, gr 22 Oct 1200, by K John to A and M of Ramsey. To be held at their vill (*RCh*, p. 76b). On 20 Mar 1267, K Hen III granted a Wed market to the A and C of Ramsey (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 73). Market held by the A of Ramsey recorded in 1286 (*QW*, p. 305). The market was still held in 1544 (*VCH Huntingdonshire*, ii, p. 193).

**F** (Charter) vf+2, Trans of Benedict (11 Jul); gr 20 Mar 1267, by K Hen III to A and C of Ramsey (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 73). The fair was still held in 1544 (*VCH Huntingdonshire*, ii, p. 193).

**ST IVES** 5314 2712. In the 1334 Lay Subsidy, St Ives was assessed with the soke of Slepe at £136.88 (Glasscock, p. 137). Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 474). Fair 1587, 21 Sept (Harrison, p. 396). See also E.W. Moore, *The Fairs of Medieval England, an Introductory Study* (Toronto, 1985), pp. 13–15 and *passim*.

**M** (Grant: other) *mercatum*, gr 1200, by K John to A of Ramsey. *Nova Oblata*: A of Ramsey owed 60*m.* and one palfrey for having a market and for a confirmation of his charters (*PR*, 2 John, p. 169). *Nova Oblata*: A of Ramsey accounts for £100 for a royal charter for various privileges, including having two markets, at St Ives and at Upwell, Norfolk (*q.v.*) (*PR*, 4 John, p. 136). In 1227, the burgesses of Huntingdon complained that the A of Ramsey's Tues market was damaging the town of Huntingdon, Huntingdonshire (*q.v.*). They stated that the market at St Ives would prevent ships coming to Huntingdon. The market at St Ives was also alleged to be damaging the market at Yaxley, Huntingdonshire (*q.v.*), held by the A of Thorney who claimed that the traffic in ships going to St Ives was so great that they would not dock at Yaxley on Thurs, the day of its market. The men of the A of Ramsey stated that as there was as much traffic by land as by sea, the St Ives market could not be damaging that at Yaxley (*CRR*, xiii, no. 386). There is no record of a decision in this legal case. It is possible that the A of Ramsey lost his right to hold a market at St Ives, until a new market was granted by charter in 1292 (see below).

**M** (Charter) Mon; gr 14 May 1292, by K Edw I to A and C of Ramsey (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 427). To be held at the manor.

**F** (Grant: other) Wed in Easter week to the following Wed (Easter dep); gr 1110, by K Hen I to St Benedict of Ramsey and St Ives of Slepe [Ramsey abbey] (*Regesta*, ii, no. 953). In 1129, K Hen I confirmed the grant to Rainald A of Ramsey and his M (*Regesta*, ii, no. 1585). In 1135, K Hen I granted the A and M of Ramsey and St Ives a fair from Mon in Easter week to Mon next (*Regesta*, ii, no. 1916). On 14 Jun 1170 x Nov 1171, Henry the Young King ordered the sh, bailiffs and reeves of Huntingdon to allow Ramsey abbey to have its rights in the fair of St Ives (R.J. Smith, 'Henry II's heir: the *Acta* and seal of Henry the Young King, 1170–83', *English Historical Review*, 116 (2001), no. 28). The fair was mentioned in 1198 (*PR*, 10 Ric I, p. 161). On 22 Oct 1200, K John confirmed the fair held by the A, ch and M of Ramsey at St Ivo de Slepe and the hundred and a half of Clacklose (*RCh*, p. 76). By the early thirteenth century, this was one of the major fairs of England, generating an income of £101 in 1207 and £180 in 1212 (E.W. Moore, *The Fairs of Medieval England, an Introductory Study* (Toronto, 1985), p. 14). Fair referred to in 1207, 1210 and 1211; fair at St Ives on 15 Apr noted in 1222 (*PR*, 9 John, pp. 110–11; *PR*, 12 John, p. 215; *PR*, 13 John, p. 207; *CRR*, x, p. 338). An unspecified number of fairs, the feasts of which were not given, were operating in Apr 1225 (*RLC*, ii, pp. 24, 70). In 1227, the burgesses of Huntingdon complained that the A of Ramsey's fair was damaging the town of Huntingdon, Huntingdonshire (*q.v.*) (*CRR*, xiii, no. 386). On 17 Apr 1227, K Hen III ordered the sh of Huntingdon to ensure that the A and M of Ramsey had their fair from the Wed in Easter week until the eighth day, as set out in the charter of K Hen I and as they were accustomed to hold it in the time of his ancestors (*RLC*, ii, p. 181b). Fair of St Ives held by A of Ramsey from Tues in Easter to Tues after Easter was noted 1234–5. The A claimed the tolls from the fair by a charter of K Hen II. The bailiffs of Huntingdon stated that they had a right to the customs of the fair by a charter of K John. They alleged that the A had sent armed men to the fair, who had impeded them and collected the customs to the damage of 40*m.* An inquisition found that the fair was not held in the reign of K Hen I, but during K Ric I's reign. The bailiffs of Huntingdon had always taken customs from the fair from the Tues, between the third hour and the ninth hour. They took this toll between the fair and the bridge (*CRR*, xv, no. 1352). In 1234–5, the A of Ramsey stated that his fair lasted from Mon on the eve of Easter until Wed after the Sun after Easter. However, the sh of Huntingdon stated that until the reign of K Hen II, the fair had not been held on the Tues after the Sun after Easter (*CRR*, xv, no. 1352). On 7 May 1258, K Hen III granted the A and C of Ramsey all the profit of the fair held at St Ives at Easter, notwithstanding that the fair was only granted to them for eight days, after which period the profits used to go to the king. This was in return for a payment of 500*m.* and £50 each year in perpetuity (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 10; E.W. Moore, *The Fairs of Medieval England, an Introductory Study* (Toronto, 1985), p. 15). In 1286, the A of Ramsey claimed to hold the fair by a charter of K Hen I to the M of Ramsey (*QW*, p. 306).

**F** (Grant: other) Laurence (10 Aug); gr 1202, by K John to A of Ramsey (*PR*, 4 John, p. 136). In 1202, the A of Ramsey owed 40*m.* for having a charter granting a fair lasting eight days at Laurence and for letters patent. He had not paid in 1203 (*PR*, 5 John, p. 4).

Fair held by A of Ramsey at St Ives, the feast of which was not given, was noted in 1207 (*RLC*, i, p. 83b). Fair held by A of Ramsey noted in 1212 (*PR*, 14 John, pp. 6, 43, 78). Fair at St Ives noted in 1219 (*CRR*, viii, p. 147). Fair of St Ives noted three times in 1223 (*CRR*, xi, nos. 341, 1405, 1335). Fair mentioned in 1240 (*CRR*, xvi, no. 1285). Fairs of St Ives, the feasts of which were not given, were referred to in a charter dated 5 Mar 1252 (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 379). On 22 Oct 1275, the rent of the fair, receivable from the A of Ramsey, was assigned to Qu Eleanor of Castile in dower for life (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 193). In 1314, the fair of the A of Ramsey at St Ives was recorded (*Abb. Plac.*, p. 321). Fair referred to in a charter on 26 Feb 1327 (*CChR*, 1327–41, p. 3). This information could refer to either the Easter or the August fair.

**ST NEOTS** 5184 2604. The charters of St Neots priory were destroyed c.1265. In the 1334 Lay Subsidy, St Neots, Eynesbury, Hardwick and Wintringham were assessed together at £193.75. Eynsbury was part of the manor of St Neots from the later half of the tenth century (Glasscock, p. 137; *VCH Huntingdonshire*, ii, pp.

339, 341). Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 474). Fair 1587, Ascension day, Thurs after Trinity Sun; 1 Aug (Harrison, pp. 393–5).

- M** (Grant: other) Thurs; gr 1100x35, by K Hen I to ch of St Mary of Bec and the P and M of St Neots [St Neots priory] (*Regesta*, ii, no. 1966). Grant confirmed by K Steph and K Hen II (*VCH Huntingdonshire*, ii, p. 341). In 1156x1172–3, K Hen II confirmed the market to the M of St Neots (*Actes de Henri II*, i, p. 509). Market noted in 1210 and 1226 (*CRR*, vi, p. 98; *CRR*, xii, no. 2050). Market held by the M of St Neots recorded in 1286 (*QW* p. 301). Market confirmed to the P and C of St Neots by K Hen VI on 1 Jul 1438 (*CPR*, 1436–41, p. 174). Market continued into the twentieth century (*VCH Huntingdonshire*, ii, p. 341).
- F** (Grant: other) vfm, Neot (31 Jul); gr 1107x22, by K Hen I to P and M of St Neot of Eynesbury [St Neots priory] (*Regesta*, ii, no. 1371). Fair recorded in 1156x1172–3 (*Actes de Henri II*, i, p. 509). Fair passed with the manor after the dissolution (*VCH Huntingdonshire*, ii, p. 341).
- F** (Prescriptive) vfm, Ascension of the Lord (Easter dep); recorded 1286 (*QW*, p. 301). Fair passed with the manor after the dissolution (*VCH Huntingdonshire*, ii, p. 341).
- F** (Prescriptive) vfm, Peter ad Vincula (1 Aug); recorded 1286 (*QW*, p. 301). Fair passed with the manor after the dissolution (*VCH Huntingdonshire*, ii, p. 341).

A fair, the feast of which was not given, was noted in 1226 (*CRR*, xii, no. 2050). On 1 Jul 1438, K Hen VI confirmed a fair, the feast of which was not given, to the P and C of St Neots (*CPR*, 1436–41, p. 174).

**SOMERSHAM** 5360 2779. In the 1334 Lay Subsidy, Somersham was assessed with the soke at £129.72. The soke of Somersham included Colne, Bluntisham, Earith, Pidley and Fenton (Glasscock, p. 137). See also *VCH Huntingdonshire*, ii, p. 224.

- M** (Charter) Thurs; *mercatum*, gr 23 Aug 1199, by K John to Eustace, bp of Ely (*RCh*, p. 12a). Market not functioning in 1286 (Masschaele, p. 170).
- F** (Charter) vf+2, Nativity of John the Baptist (24 Jun); gr 23 Oct 1319, by K Edw II to John de Hothum, bp of Ely (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 415). On 18 Dec 1426, K Hen VI confirmed the charter to the bp of Ely (*CPR*, 1422–29, p. 388).

**SPALDWICK** 5128 2728. In the 1334 Lay Subsidy, Spaldwick was assessed with the soke at £106.88. In 1086, Spaldwick, Upthorpe, Barham, Easton, Stow Longa and the greater part of Little Chatworth were included in the soke of Spaldwick (Glasscock, p. 138).

- M** (Charter) Wed; gr 17 Dec 1441, by K Hen VI to W[illiam], bp of Lincoln (*CChR*, 1427–1516, p. 24). To be held at the town.
- F** (Charter) f, Philip and James (1 May); gr 17 Dec 1441, by K Hen VI to W[illiam], bp of Lincoln (*CChR*, 1427–1516, p. 24). To be held at the town.
- F** (Charter) f, Hugh of Lincoln (17 Nov); gr 17 Dec 1441, by K Hen VI to W[illiam], bp of Lincoln. To be held at the town (*CChR*, 1427–1516, p. 24). Fair continued into the eighteenth century, but was subsequently abandoned (*VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, p. 97).

**WOODSTON** 5186 2977. 1334 Subsidy £44.06.

- M** (Prescriptive) recorded 1201, *forum*, held by A of Thorney, who was accused of illegally taking tolls at the market from the burgesses of Northampton (*CRR*, i, pp. 449–50).
- M** (Charter) Wed; gr 7 Aug 1268, by K Hen III to A of Thorney (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 101). Market held by A of Thorney recorded in 1286 (*QW*, p. 298). Market had ceased to function by the 1330s (Masschaele, p. 170).
- F** (Charter) vf+6, Decollation of John the Baptist (29 Aug); gr 7 Aug 1268, by K Hen III to A of Thorney (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 101). Fair held by the A of Thorney recorded in 1286 (*QW*, p. 298). There is no further evidence for the fair (*VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, p. 234).

**YAXLEY** 5177 2919. 1334 Subsidy £226.52. Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 474). See also *VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, pp. 233–4, 242.

- M** (Grant: other) Thurs; gr 1066x1087, by K Wil I to St Mary of Thorney [Thorney abbey] (*QW*, p. 298). In 1130, K Hen I granted a Thurs market to the ch of St Mary of Thorney, just as K Wil II had granted it (*Regesta*, ii, nos. 1664, 1666). In the same year, the A of Thorney accounted for 1*m.* gold for the market (*PR*, 31 Hen I, p. 49). In 1135x54 and 1136x40, K Steph made two confirmations of the Thurs market to Thorney abbey, as in the charters of K Wil II and K Hen I (*Regesta*, iii, nos. 881, 882). Two of K Steph's writs, dated 1135x41 and 1139x53, refer to the market (*Regesta*, iii, nos. 883, 884). In 1155x58, K Hen II granted a Thurs market to the ch of St Mary, Thorney by charter, as in the charters of K Wil [it is not clear whether this was K Wil I or K Wil II, although in 1286 the grant was attributed to K Wil I – see below] and K Hen I (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 244). Market held by the A of Thorney mentioned in 1201, 1212 (when it was stated to be held on Thurs) and 1226 (*CRR*, i, pp. 449–50; *CRR*, vi, pp. 264; *CRR*, xii, no. 2577). K Hen III made an inspeximus of K Hen II's charter on 22 Nov 1227 (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 65). In 1227, the A of Thorney alleged that his market at Yaxley was being damaged by that at St Ives, Huntingdonshire (q.v.). He claimed that the traffic in ships going to St Ives was so great that they would not dock at Yaxley on Thurs, the day of its market. The men of the A of

Ramsey stated that as there was as much traffic by land as by sea, the St Ives market could not be damaging that at Yaxley (*CRR*, xiii, no. 386). In 1279, the market was worth 60s. (*VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, p. 242). In 1286, the A of Thorney claimed the Thurs market by a charter of K Wil I. This claim was accepted (*QW*, p. 298). This was apparently the first occasion on which the A of Thorney explicitly claimed that the market had been granted by K Wil I. The market had begun to decline by 1562 and failed in the next century (*VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, p. 242).

- F (Letter Close) Sat, Sun, Mon, Tues and Wed after Ascension of the Lord (Easter dep); *feria gr* 17 Apr 1226, by K Hen III to A of Thorney. To be held at the manor until the king came of age (*RLC*, ii, p. 106). On 1 May 1227, K Hen III granted the A and M of Thorney a five day fair on Sat after the Ascension+4 (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 35). Letter close to sh of Huntingdon regarding the fair dated 28 Apr 1227 (*RLC*, ii, p. 183b). Fair held by A of Thorney recorded in 1286 (*QW*, p. 298). In the reign of K Edw I, the profits of the fair were 6s. 8d. per year. The fair continued into the twentieth century (*VCH Huntingdonshire*, iii, pp. 242–3).