

THE RAYNERS of ESSEX

INTRODUCTION

NOTE: My thanks go to Stuart Barker for giving me his original work as long ago as 1997. I have added to it and therefore the original layout cannot be followed completely. In making this available to all RAYNER researchers I can only say "Use it as a guide and double check what you need to be sure of". Humans have compiled these details and therefore may have made some errors. Not all the original work can be clearly read either, time has damaged many paper records too. But enjoy using this to help you get further with tracing your ancestors. Bruce RAYNER 31 March 2008.

The work of this RAYNER study contains some references found to date of the name Rayner from genealogical sources but it is still growing. The majority of them come from the parishes in the north of Essex, particularly Halstead and Bocking, which may truly be called the home of the Rayners. Other references come from county-wide sources and from parishes in Suffolk and Cambridgeshire close to the Essex boundary. This shows to some extent where Essex Rayners migrated to and even into Essex.

Because the collection was built upon searches of the baptism records where they were available in Halstead followed by searches of the Census records as they became available it contains as many entries as possible to date. Most of those refer to my own forebears. There are also only a handful of entries from mediaeval times, before the advent of Parish Registers. The Rayners extracted from the PRO records will be added at some time in the near future.

As presented the data (as I hold it) are sorted mostly by year but can be rearranged to within place, within forename, but obviously can be sorted differently as required. It is available to the reader in PDF format for obvious reasons.

The following abbreviations are used, particularly in the Notes column:

Ag Lab	Agricultural Labourer	H	Head of family
B.M.I.	Boyd's Marriage Index	h?	presumed husband (Marriage Licences)
B.M.I.	Boyd's Marriage Index (Essex Section)	hh	Household of (1841 Census)
B.M.I. (Misc)	Boyd's Marriage Index (Miscellaneous)	HL	Hand Loom
ben	beneficiary	husb.	husbandman
bp	birthplace	inf	infant
br	brother	j	juxta
by	boy	lab	Labourer
Cambs	Cambridgeshire	lic	by licence
Cas	Castle	Lit	Little
Colch	Colchester	m	mother
d	daughter	mar	married
decd	deceased	min	minor
EP	End Papers	ml	male
exec	executor(trix)	NC	Non-Conformity
f	father	NK	not known
fm	female	Norf	Norfolk
form.	formerly	s	son
G.R.O.	General Register Office	s?	child of unknown sex

gd	granddaughter	si	sister
gd	granddaughter	Suff	Suffolk
gent	gentleman	surr	surrendered
gf	grandfather	svp	without living issue
gl	girl	u	unmarried
gm	grandmother	w	wife
gs	grandson	w?	presumed wife (Marriage Licences)
Gt	Great	wid	widow(er)
h	husband	wit	witness

In quo certamine et filius Raedwaldi vocabulo Raegnheri occisus est

In this battle (617A.D.), the son of Raedwald (King of the East Angles), called Rainer was killed

Bede: Ecclesiastical History of the English People

Raner tenuit Smedetun per Comite

Raner holds Smeetham (Hall) for the Count (Eustace)

Doomsday Book 1087

NB: Smeetham Hall is in north Essex and can be seen on the Internet as it is today.

