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# MEMORIALS

OF THE PARISH OF

## GREENSTED-BUDWORTH, &c.

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Essex in the course of the last four centuries has had six historians, (not to mention writers on local districts) whose works are more or less useful for information on topography and family history.

1. Norden, who wrote in 1594, but whose work is little more than a Catalogue of places and names as they existed in his time, mentions Greensted Hall as the seat of William Brown, an error on his part (as hereafter shewn,) for William Bourne.

2. The Rev. Thomas Cox, in the history of Essex, which formed part of his Magna Britannia, and was published in 1720, mentions Greensted Hall as the residence of my ancestor Mr. Cleeve, who had bought the estate about 30 years previous to his death. *last date.*

3. We now arrive at the Rev. Nathaniel Salmon's History of Essex, (the first worthy of that name, although death prevented him from completing it,) which was published in 1740. Of Greensted he says, "One Mr. Gul-ton (a mistake for Hulson) enjoyed this estate since "and sold it to Mr. Alexander Cleeve, Citizen of London, "whose widow, Mrs. Anne Cleeve is present possessor : "Mr. Cleeve has left issue."

4. The Rev. Philip Morant published a complete History of Essex, in 1768, partly founded upon Salmon's previous work, and which remains the most valuable History of the County, although