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THE  
HISTORY  
OF  
GREAT BRITAIN  
Under the Conquests of the  
ROMANS, SAXONS,  
DANES and  
NORMANS.  
Their Originals, Manners,  
Warres, Coines & Seales: with the  
Successions, Lives, acts & Issues of the  
English Monarchs from IULIUS  
CÆSAR, to our most gracious  
Soueraigne King IAMES.  
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And are to be solde by Iohn Sudbury & Georg  
Humble, in Popes-head alley at the signe of the white Horse.

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The tempestuous stormes in the Raigne of this King Henrie the eight, and the violent de=  
luge raised against the Church-state of his times; bare downe so many religious strong foun=  
dations, and were the destruction of so many beautifull Monasteries, as the onely relation of  
their numbers and names, would haue much interrupted the narration of his history. Wher=  
fore to reteine their memorials (though their walles are laid waste) aswell for the reue=  
rence we owe vnto venerable Antiquity, as for the example of their Founders holy zeale, we haue inserted  
a Catalogue of their names, orders, and true valuations, as in the originall Booke thereof taken by Com=  
mission, and giuen vnto the King, we finde them set down, though at their dissolutions their values  
were fauourably and farre vnder rated. Some Founders, and times of foundations  
wee want, the rest, Tablewise, to auoid prolixity wee haue  
set downe in this present following  
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A CATALOGVE OF THE RELIGIOVS  
HOUSES VVITHIN THE REALME OF ENGLAND AND  
VVales, with many their Orders, Founders, and Values, most of them being sup=  
pressed by King Henry the eight. Together with such other sacred places, as  
either then were by him left standing, or since haue been erected.

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Places. | Dedication. | Founder and Time. | Order. | Value. l. s. d. ob. q.

Canterbury. Christ-Church | Saint Trinity — P | Fait<hf>ull beleeuing Romans,  
after Ethelred King of Kent. | Blacke Monkes | 2489 04 09 00 0

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Iuxta Canterbury. | Saint Augustine. — M | King Ethelbert, and after King Edward  
the second. | Blacke Monkes. | 1412 04 07 ob q

Iuxta Canterbury. | S. Gregory, or S. George. — P | Lowffran Archbishop there. |  
Blacke Canons. | 0166 04 05 ob 0

luxta Canterbury. | Saint Sepulchers. — N | | Black Nunnes. | 0038 19 07 ob 0  
Canterbury. | — F | King Henry the third. | Grey-Friers. |  
Canterbury. | — H | | Poore Priests. | 0010 13 08 ob 0  
luxta Canterbury. | Saint Laurence. — H | | | 0031 07 10 0 0  
Canterbury extra Muros. | Saint Iacob. — H | | | 0032 11 01 ob q  
Ailesford. | — F | Richard Lord Grey of Codnor, in the time of King Henry the  
third, Anno Dom. 1240. | Carmelites or white Friers. |  
Ashford. | — C | Sir R. Fogge Knight. | Priests. |  
Beigham. | Saint Marie. — P | The Ancestors of Thomas Sakuile, Alij Sir Robert  
Thornham. | White Canons. | 0152 19 04 ob  
Belsinton or Bilsington. | Saint Mary. — P | Iohn Maunsell Præpositus  
Beuerlacensis for King Henry the third, and Eleanor his wife. | Blacke Canons. |  
0081 01 06 0 0  
Bradgare. | — C | Robert de Bradgare, T. Ioselin Cleric. and Iohn at Vise. | |  
Bradesoke. | S. Radegundis. — M | Hugh the first Abbot. | White Canons. |  
0142 08 09 0 0  
Boxley. | Saint Marie — M | William de Ipres a Fleming, Earle of Kent, tempore  
Regis Stephani. | White Monkes. | 0218 19 10 0 0  
Cobham. | — C | Iohn Baron Cobham. | | 0128 01 09 ob 0  
Combewell. | S. Mary Magd. — M | | Blacke Canons. | 0080 17 5 0 q  
Dartford. | — N | King Edward the third, Anno Regni Angliæ 30. Franciæ vero 17.  
| Nunnes. | 0400 08 00 00 0  
Daunton. | — N | | Blacke Nunnes. |  
Douer. | Saint Marie, Saint Martin — P | King Henry the first. | Blacke Monkes. |  
0232 01 05 ob 0  
Douer, Domus Dei. | — H | Henricus tertius Rex Angliæ. | Knights Templers. |  
0159 18 06 ob q  
Eastbridge. | — H | King Henry the first gaue for William his Father, quicquid  
Robertus Brus dederat Ecclesiæ de Esteburch, & fratribus ibidem Regularibus. | |  
0023 18 09 ob q  
Elflet. | — N | Domneua. | Nunnes. |  
Feuersham. | S. Sauours. — M | King Stephen and Maud his wife. | Blacke  
Monkes Cluniacenses. | 0286 12 06 ob 0  
Folkestone. | S. Eanswide. — N | Eanswide daughter to Eadbald King of Kent:  
After Roger Segraue and Iulian his wife, and Iohn Clinton Baron. | Blacke  
Nunnes. | 0063 00 07 0 0  
Greenwich. | — F | King Henry the seuenth. | Obseruant Friers. |  
Greenwich. | — C | William Lambard. | Queen Elizabeths poore people. |  
Greenwich. | — F Alien | K. Edward the third, Anno Regni 55. Iohn Norbury. |  
Frier Minors. |  
Harballdowne. | — H | Iohn Stratford, or Stafford, Archbishop of Canterbury. | |  
0109 07 02 00 0  
Heyham. | — N | | Blacke Nunnes. |  
Horton. | Saint Iohn Euangelist. — P | | Blacke Monkes Cluniacenses. | 0111  
16 07 ob 0  
Langdon. | S. Thom. Martyr. — M | | White Canons. | 0056 06 09 0 0  
Leedes. | Saint Nicholas. — P | Robert Creuequeur. | Blacke Canons  
Augustines. | 0362 07 07 0 0

Lesnes vpon Thames. | S. Augustin or S. Th. Martyr. — P | Richard de Lucie,  
 Chiefe Iustice of England. Anno Dom. 1179. | Blacke Canons. | 0186 09 00 0 0  
 Lewesham. | — P Alien | Iohn Norburie. | Blacke Monkes. |  
 Maidstone. | Omnium Sanctorum. — C | Boniface of Sauoy. | | 0159 07 10 00 0  
 Malling. | Saint Marie. — N | Gundulph Bishoppe of Rochester. | Blacke Nunnes.  
 | 0245 10 02 ob 0  
 Mottynden. | — M | | | 0060 13 00 ob 0  
 Newenden. | — F | Built at the charges of Sir Thomas Albuger Knight, A. D.  
 1241. | Carmelites or White Friers. |  
 Northgate. | Saint Iohns — H | | | 0091 16 08 ob 0  
 West Peccam. | — Præceptoria | Iohannes Culpepper, Iustic. de communi  
 Banco, Anno 10. H. 4. | | 0063 06 08 0 0  
 Reculuer. | — M | Bassa an English Saxon. | |  
 Rochester. | Saint Andrew. — M | Bishop Gundulph a Norman, A. D. 1080. |  
 Blacke Canons. | 0486 11 05 0 0  
 Rochester. | S Bartholmew, — H | King Henry the third confirmed it, and Edward  
 the third discharged them of all Taxes, Tallages, &c. | Leprosi. |  
 Rumney. | — P Alien | | |  
 Sandwich. | — F | Henry Cowfeild an Almane, Anno Dom. 1272. | Carmelites or  
 White Friers. |  
 Sandwich. | Saint Thomas. — H | Thomas Ralyng Clerke, William Swanne  
 Clerke, Iohn Goddard and Richard Long. | |  
 Strode or Stowde. | — H | Robert Glanuile. | | 0052 19 10 ob 0  
 Swingfeild. | — Præceptoria. | | | 0087 03 03 ob 0  
 Shepey. | S. Sexburg. — N | Sexburga wife of Ercombert King of Kent or  
 East-Angles, Anno Dom. 710. | Nunnes. | 0129 07 10 ob 0  
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 Shepey. | Saint Marie. | William de-la-Poole Marquesse of Suffolke, by the name  
 of William de-la- Poole Earle of Suffolke. | |  
 Tunbridge. | S. Mary Magd. — P | Richard Clare Earle of Glocester. | Blacke  
 Canons. | 0169 10 03 0 0  
 Wingham. | — C | Founded by Archbishop Pecham. | Canons. |  
 Wye. | — C | Iohn Kempe Archbishoppe of Canterburie. | Priests. | 0093 02 0  
 ob 0  
 | Saint Mary S. Swythin. | Sir Iohn Segraue. | |

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To preuent any mistaking in the Reader, I haue thought it not vnfitte to conclude this Table with the  
 discouerie of my meaning by certaine letters before vsed. viz.

M. Monastery.  
 P. Priorie.  
 F. Frierie.  
 N. Nunnery  
 C. Colledge  
 H. Hospital.

<Speed's 'History' is the companion volume to his atlas; both were first published in 1611. His account of the reign of Henry VIII is followed by an appendix, described in the running head as 'A Catalogue of the Religious Houses, Colledges, and Hospitals sometimes in England and Wales'. Despite its many defects, it was very frequently cited by later writers. There seems to be some doubt about the authorship. Sir Henry Spelman's understanding was that the catalogue had been compiled by William Burton; and he thought it worth putting a note of this fact on record: 'a Gulielmo Burton (ut accepi) collecto, & apud Spedum edito' (Spelman 1639:215, cf. Tanner 1695:xiii). Speed was dead by then (he died in 1629); Burton was still alive (he died in 1645). Apparently Spelman felt sure of his information; but I do not know enough to decide whether he was right. My guess would be that the list is a joint effort – that Speed produced a first draft (including the valuations), and that Burton revised and amplified it (with information taken from Leland's notebooks). Whoever the author or authors was or were, I think we may be sure that no one involved had any special knowledge of Kent. Some of the entries are very puzzling; some are thoroughly wrong. The printed text is organized in five columns, but I have not attempted to replicate that arrangement here. Instead I just use a vertical line to mark the shift from one column to the next. – C.F. December 2010.>