

# THE MAHARAJAH DULEEP SINGH FAMILY



## EAST OF ENGLAND HERITAGE TRAIL

*Follow in the footsteps of  
the Duleep Singh family*

# Welcome to the world of the Maharajah Duleep Singh



Dr Sartinder Sartaaj

*I had the opportunity to play the lead role of Maharajah Duleep Singh in the internationally acclaimed film 'The Black Prince'. I spent 5 years studying Duleep Singh, carrying out in depth research into the life of the Maharajah and his family, which supported me in delivering my role with precision and authenticity.*

*I visited many places related to Duleep Singh. I still remember the very first time I visited Thetford in 2010 and every time I visit England I return, the countryside is just so beautiful. It was Duleep's home and now I think of it as my home too. East Anglia is home to the graves of Duleep Singh and his family at Elveden, the Ancient House Museum, the statue and so much more. You can follow in their footsteps and discover buildings and places they loved.*

*I am excited that this booklet will help many more people explore the story of the Duleep Singh family and their cultural legacy in this part of the world.*

**Dr Satinder Sartaaj**

Patron of the Festival of Norfolk & Punjab

Punjabi Sufi Singer, actor, songwriter, singer, composer and poet.

Over the last two years Essex Cultural Diversity Project has celebrated the links between Norfolk and Punjab through the Maharajah Duleep Singh story. We have delivered two festivals highlighting the family's contribution to Norfolk and East Anglia. The Duleep Singh Family East of England Trail will link locations and places of historical interest for people to learn more.

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 **Essex Cultural  
Diversity Project**



Essex Cultural Diversity Project breaks down barriers and promotes cultural harmony in East Anglia and beyond. Through arts, cultural and heritage projects they raise awareness of race equality and cultural diversity, benefiting all communities.



Indi Sandhu -  
Festival Director

## 'SOVEREIGN, SQUIRE & REBEL: MAHARAJAH DULEEP SINGH'

By PETER BANCE, Coronet House Publishing Ltd

'A highly illustrated coffee-table book on the life and family of Maharajah Duleep Singh'. For further information visit: [www.duleepsingh.com](http://www.duleepsingh.com)

**Do you have any stories or memorabilia  
relating to the Duleep Singh Family?**

Contact [Princeduleep@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Princeduleep@yahoo.co.uk) so that we can add to our research.

# Peter Bance

## Historian, Author & Researcher



Peter Bance

The renowned American historian David McCullough once said 'History is a guide to navigation in perilous times. History is who we are and why we are the way we are.' For this reason we must not forget history but record and learn from it. This has been partly the objective of the Essex Cultural Diversity Project, who has taken the initiative to devise this guide so that we may keep alive and refresh those historic junctures of a family whose presence in East Anglia has become synonymous and part of the core history of this region.

My own journey into this family began some 25 years ago, a journey of exploration, discovery and excitement. At that time very little was known about the Maharajah Duleep Singh, his family, their abodes and their time in the area.

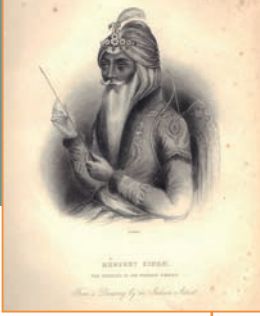
The publication of this Trail however, does not determine the completion or conclusion of such a journey, but one which will inspire and encourage further discoveries. It is hoped that The Maharajah Duleep Singh Heritage Trail will act as a guide for visitors, tourists and those new enthusiasts alike who will make that journey of touring, learning and adventure, and adding to the history of The Duleep Singhs.

I commend the Essex Cultural Diversity Project on this initiative and am sure it will serve as a catalyst for similar trails to be developed for other regions of Great Britain.

Peter Bance

Author of 'Sovereign, Squire & Rebel'





**Maharajah Ranjit Singh**  
1780 - 1839  
'Lion of the Punjab'

M1: 1789  
**Maharani Chand Kaur**  
d: 1840

M2: 1796  
**Rani Mehtab Kaur**  
d: 1809

M3: 1811  
**Rani Rattan Kaur**  
d: 1839

**Kharak Singh**  
1802 - 1840

**Sher Singh**  
1807 - 1843

**Prince Tara Singh**  
1807 - 1859

**Prince Multana Singh**  
1819 - 1864

**Kanwar Naunihal Singh**  
1820 - 1840

**Prince Partap Singh**  
1831 - 1843



M1: 1864  
**Maharani Bamba**  
1849-1887



**Prince Victor Albert Jay**  
1866 - 1918  
Married 1898  
**Lady Anne Blanche Coventry**  
1874 - 1956



**Prince Frederick Victor**  
1868 - 1926



**Princess Bamba Sophia Jindan**  
1869 - 1957  
Married 1915  
**Lt Col David Waters Sutherland**  
1871 - 1939



**Princess Catherine Hilda**  
1871 - 1942



Maharajah Duleep Singh was the youngest of the seven sons of Maharajah Ranjit Singh and his last wife Maharani Jind Kaur. Duleep Singh came to the throne at the age of five years, following the deaths of his older brothers. After the First Anglo-Sikh War, at just nine years of age, the British separated him from his mother and removed her from the

# THE MAHARAJAH'S FAMILY

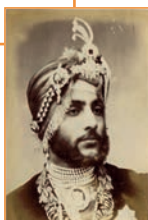


M5: 1835  
Maharani Jind Kaur  
1817 – 1863

M4: 1811  
Rani Daya Kaur  
d: 1839

Prince  
Kashmira Singh  
1819 – 1844

Peshwara  
Singh  
1821 – 1845



MAHARAJAH  
DULEEP SINGH  
1838 – 1893



M2: 1889  
Maharani Ada  
1869-1930



Princess  
Sophia  
Alexdrowna  
1876 - 1948



Prince Albert  
Edward  
Alexander  
1879 - 1893



Princess  
Pauline Alexandrina  
1887 - 1941  
Married 1914  
J.S.A. Torry  
d. 1915



Princess Ada  
Irene Helen  
Benyl  
1889 - 1926  
Married 1910  
Pierre Marie  
Villament

Punjab. The East India Company placed the Maharajah under the care of an Army Surgeon Dr John Login whose duty it would be to bring up the Maharajah as a young Englishman. In May 1854 at the age of 15 years and having converted to Christianity, Maharajah Duleep Singh arrived in Great Britain (becoming the first person of Sikh heritage in the UK) and settled at Elveden thus began the family connections in East Anglia.

# FOLLOW IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS...

For an introduction to Duleep Singh and his family, Ancient House Museum is a great place to start on the trail.

## THETFORD

### Ancient House, Museum of Thetford Life

White Hart Street, Thetford, IP24 1AA

Ancient House was a gift from Prince Frederick Duleep Singh to the people of Thetford. He purchased the building in 1921 and helped pay for its restoration for use as a public museum. The Ancient House Museum opened in 1924. On display there is a selection of Prince Frederick's local history collections including portraits of East Anglian gentry as well as a short film and permanent display about Maharajah Duleep Singh. Throughout the year special exhibitions, illustrated talks, themed events and trails add new dimensions to the story. Join us and find out more.

### Thetford Grammar School

Bridge Street, Thetford IP24 3AF

Maharajah Duleep Singh is known to have funded the education of at least one boy linked to the Elveden Estate and Prince Frederick was a keen supporter of Thetford Grammar School, where Thomas Paine was educated. This ancient school lays claim to be one of the oldest schools in the country (The Head Master's recorded roll goes back to 1174). The beautiful WWI memorial to the lost boys of the school was designed, paid for and unveiled by Prince Frederick in 1921. He attended many events and presentations.

Not ordinarily open to the public, however, viewing by appointment can be made Tel: 01842 752840.



## ANCIENT HOUSE

Thetford's Ancient House is an atmospheric museum where rich collections, films and animations tell the remarkable story of the Brecks and the people who have made it their home.

Visit Ancient House,  
Museum of Thetford Life

[www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/ancient-house](http://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/ancient-house)

01842 752599

Open Tuesday – Saturday  
10am – 4pm





## Maharajah Duleep Singh Memorial Statue

20 Riverside Walk, Thetford IP24 2BG

This beautiful life-size bronze statue of Maharajah Duleep Singh honours the last King of the Punjab and his close links with Thetford and Elveden. It was commissioned by the Maharajah Duleep Singh Centenary Trust and was unveiled by the Prince of Wales in 1999. As the first major piece of Sikh public art outside India, the statue is seen to symbolise the bringing together of history and culture.

## Thetford Library

Raymond Street, Thetford, IP24 2EA

The library houses the Duleep Singh Collection donated by Prince Frederick Duleep Singh. The collection consists of books about Norfolk, Suffolk and East Anglia, directories, poll books and sales catalogues of county estates from the early 20th century. One of the most important items is the Elveden Views, a photograph album of the Duleep Singh family. The collection can be viewed by appointment during staffed hours, Monday-Friday 10am - 7pm and Saturdays 10am - 4pm. 01842 752048.

## Warren Lodge

Brandon Road, Thetford, IP24 3NE

The Maharajah loved hunting and shooting – particularly rabbits. He purchased Warren Lodge on a 99 year lease with the condition that the ground must not be broken. When he had trees planted, which broke the terms of the agreement, action was taken against him. However, the Maharajah won his case and continued to shoot rabbits and game on a much larger scale.



*Original bible given to Duleep Singh by Lord Dalhousie on view at Ancient House Museum.*

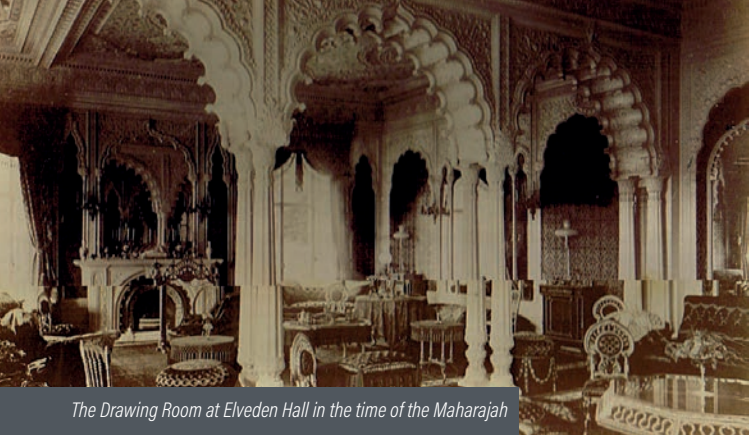
## The Guildhall

Market Place, Thetford, IP24 2DS

On his death, Prince Frederick gifted part of his collection of Norfolk and Suffolk portraits dating from the 16th century to the people of Thetford. Originally they were hung in the Guildhall at his suggestion, however, today the paintings can be found at various locations, the largest selection being on display at Ancient House Museum of Thetford Life.



*Maharajah Duleep Singh Memorial Statue at Batten Island, Thetford*



*The Drawing Room at Elveden Hall in the time of the Maharajah*

## Elveden Hall

Elveden is a seventeen-thousand acre estate located a few miles away from Thetford, bordering Suffolk and Norfolk. Duleep Singh purchased the estate in 1849 and had architect John Norton completely redesign the exterior and interior of Elveden Hall. The interior was reminiscent of an Indian Palace and the grounds were home to exotic animals and birds. The Maharajah entertained royalty and members of the gentry at his shooting parties on the estate including the Prince of Wales. He raised his six children here with wife Maharani Bamba. After his death in 1893 the Hall was purchased by the Guinness family and remains the property of the 4th Earl of Iveagh today.

*Private Property - not open to the public*

## St Andrew & St Patrick Church

London Road, Elveden, Thetford,  
IP24 3TW

In 1869, Maharajah Duleep Singh, a patron of Elveden church, fully restored it at a cost of £1,100. The thatched roof was replaced with slate and the old pews were replaced by open benches. Duleep Singh also supported classes at the church which were attended by both

children and adults. A stained glass window was installed in the church in memory of the Maharajah and a memorial to Prince Frederick can be seen nearby.

The graves of the Maharajah Duleep Singh, his wife the Maharani Bamba and their youngest son can be seen in Elveden churchyard. Maharani Bamba was the first to be buried in the churchyard in 1887. Then in 1893 at the age of 13, Edward Albert tragically passed away and was buried beside his mother. That same year, Maharajah Duleep Singh experienced an apoplectic fit whilst sleeping and died alone in a hotel room in Paris. Although he wished to be buried where he had died, the family brought him back to Elveden to be buried beside his wife and son.

*Please use the layby just alongside the Church.  
Alternatively, drive into the Elveden Courtyard  
([www.elvedencourtyard.com](http://www.elvedencourtyard.com)).*

*The car park opposite the church  
is private.*



*The resting  
place of  
Duleep  
Singh at  
St Andrew &  
St Patrick  
Church*



# BLO' NORTON

## Blo' Norton Hall

The Street, Blo' Norton, Diss, IP22 2JD

Prince Frederick Duleep Singh rented the 16th century mansion Blo' Norton Hall from 1909. He planted beautiful gardens and created a delightful vista through the small wood adjoining the Hall to the main road with an avenue of lime trees, leading to the The Black Prince's Temple. He was very proud of his family history and paintings of his uncle Maharajah Sher Singh stood in his gallery, with a painting of his grandfather Maharajah Ranjit Singh hanging opposite.

**Not open to the public**

## The Black Prince's Temple

Remains located in the woods alongside Blo' Norton Hall

Situated at the end of the avenue of lime trees Prince Frederick Duleep Singh built a small white folly in 1923, which he dedicated to the 'Divine Winds of Heaven' as he could hear the winds of Norfolk when sitting out on the front of the Temple reading his books. It became known as the 'Black Prince's Temple' and is commonly believed that the Prince built it in respect to the Sikh religion of his father.

Now only ruins remain.

*Blo' Norton War Memorial  
and St Andrew and St  
Patrick Church*

## St. Andrew's Church

Church Lane, Blo' Norton, IP22 2JE

The grave of Prince Frederick Duleep Singh can be found in the churchyard to the far right of the main gates. A marble plaque dedicated to his memory has been installed inside the church by his sisters and there is also a photograph of the Prince as a child.

## Blo' Norton War Memorial

In Front of St Andrew's Church

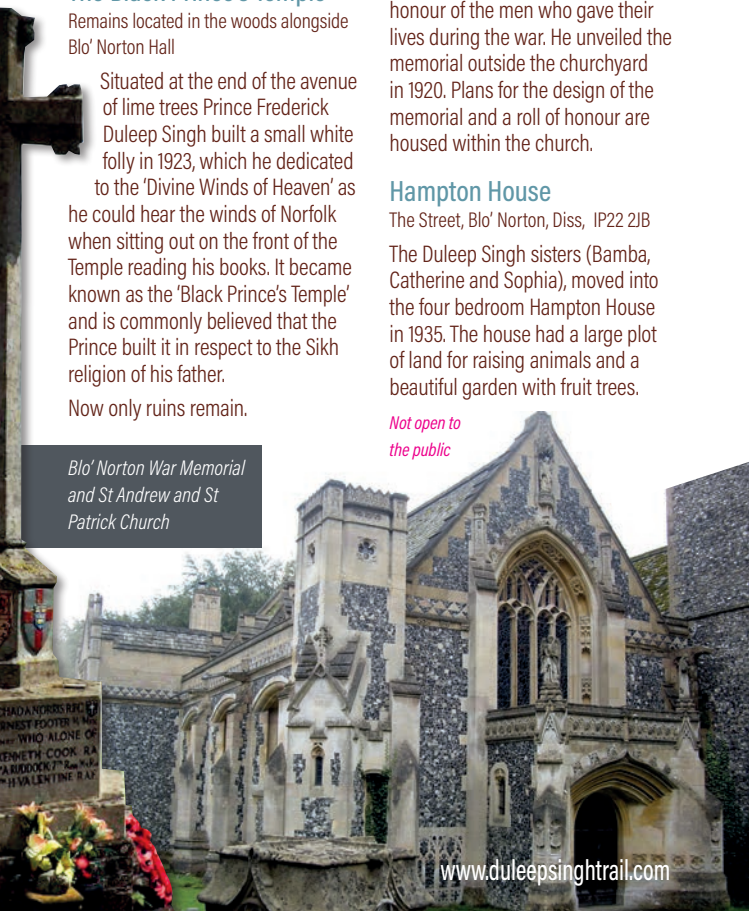
Prince Frederick served with Yeomanry regiments from 1893 – 1909. He rejoined in 1914 at the outbreak of the First World War and served in France from 1917-1919 working with horses behind the front line. On his return he designed and erected this war memorial in honour of the men who gave their lives during the war. He unveiled the memorial outside the churchyard in 1920. Plans for the design of the memorial and a roll of honour are housed within the church.




## Hampton House

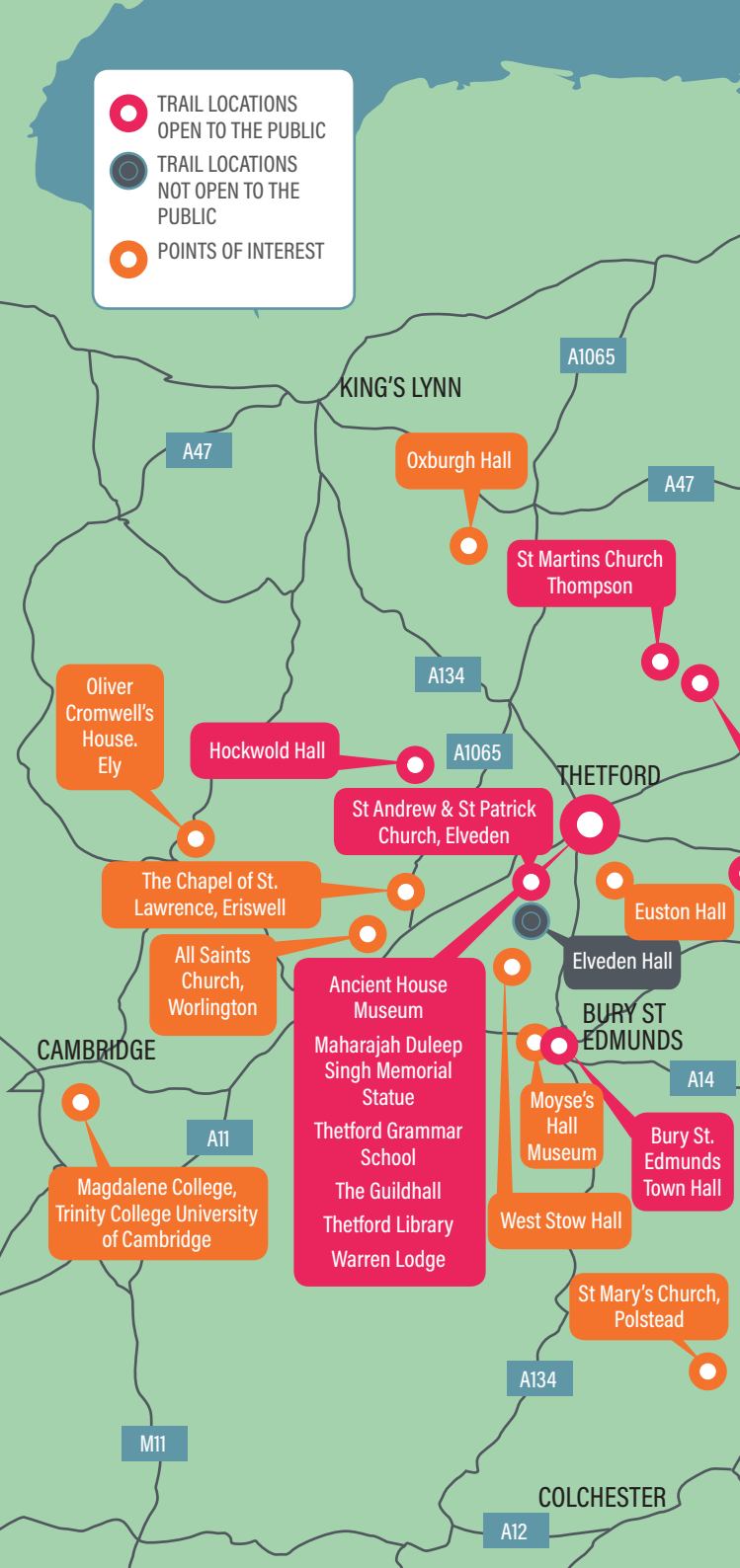
The Street, Blo' Norton, Diss, IP22 2JB

The Duleep Singh sisters (Bamba, Catherine and Sophia), moved into the four bedroom Hampton House in 1935. The house had a large plot of land for raising animals and a beautiful garden with fruit trees.

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-  POINTS OF INTEREST





Plaque to Christopher Layer,  
Barclays Bank Aylsham

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NORWICH

Hungate Medieval Art  
St Peter Hungate,  
Norwich Arts Centre,  
St Swithins

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Old Buckenham Hall

Breckles House,  
Stow Bedon

St Andrew's Church, Scole

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Hampton House,  
Blo' Norton  
Blo' Norton Hall

Blo' Norton  
War Memorial  
The Black  
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St Andrew's  
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Ipswich Museum

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Grave of Sir John Login,  
St Peter & St Paul Church

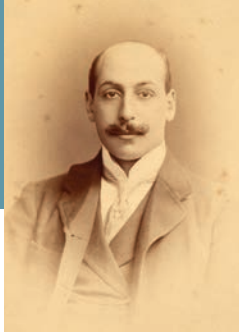
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# SAVED BY PRINCE FREDERICK...



Prince Frederick expressed a great interest in East Anglian architecture and archaeology. He was a founding member of SPAB (The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings) and became president of the Norfolk & Norwich Archaeological Society. He would often write and speak on the importance of saving local historical buildings. He invested much of his time and money into saving Norfolk and Suffolk churches and was very proud of his East Anglian heritage.

## St Martin's Church

Thompson, Thetford, IP24 1QD

Thompson church dates from 1300. Endowed as a Collegiate Church in 1349 by the de Shardelowe brothers, its resulting importance led to some fine additions and alterations. In 1911, the church was at risk of closure before it was saved by Prince Frederick and Reverend Charles Kent. On 15th July 2018, a memorial stone was unveiled at the church honouring Prince Frederick's services to the church.

Contact [bron\\_tyler@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bron_tyler@yahoo.co.uk) to arrange a guided tour.

The church is open during daylight hours.

## St Swithin's

(now Norwich Arts Centre) –

51 St Benedict's St, Norwich NR2 4PG

Prince Frederick helped to save St Swithin's Church in Norwich. In 1881, the church lost its tower and would have been converted into a hall in the early 20th century had Prince Frederick not intervened. In 1980, the church became Norwich Arts Centre, a live music venue, theatre and art gallery.

## Bury St Edmunds Town Hall

7 Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1UZ

Prince Frederick helped to save the Adam-style Bury Town Hall from destruction.

# COLLEGE FARM

Thompson, Thetford IP24 1QG

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*St Martin's Church*

## St Peter Hungate

Princes Street, Norwich, NR3 1HN

Prince Frederick helped save St Peter Hungate church from demolition during the early 20th century. The church was declared redundant and became the first nationally to be repurposed as a museum of church furnishings in 1936. The museum closed in 1995 and after a period of private occupation, it passed to Norwich Historic Churches Trust and since 2009 has been the home of Hungate Medieval Art, an exhibition space celebrating Norwich's medieval heritage and art.

## Wymondham Abbey

Church Street, Wymondham NR18 0PH

Prince Frederick showed a great interest in the restoration works at Wymondham Abbey and played a part in saving this church from further damage.

## St Andrew's Church

8 Comber Cl, Scole, Diss, IP21 4DQ

Prince Frederick was instrumental in the preservation of Scole Church. He believed that the original structure and contents of historical buildings should be preserved.

## Points of interest:

### The Chapel of St Lawrence

Eriswell, Brandon, IP27 9BH

Prince Frederick visited this chapel and wrote a small article about it in an East Anglian journal accompanied by a woodcut of the chapel. He writes of how it passed into private hands after the dissolution and hence fell into ruin until it was rebuilt as it is today.

### Ipswich Museum

High Street, Ipswich, IP1 3QH

In 1919, Prince Frederick delivered a lecture at the museum at a meeting of members of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and Natural History. Frederick spoke on the topic of repairing and restoring old buildings and made special mention of several East Anglian manor houses such as Costessey Hall and Little Wenham Hall.

### St Mary's Church

Polstead, Colchester, CO6 5BS

In 1924, Prince Frederick presented a mazer bowl made from the root of the Gospel oak to Polstead church.



# HALLS & HOUSES

## Hockwold Hall

Station Road, Hockwold cum Wilton,  
Brandon, IP26 4HZ

Hockwold Hall became the residence of Prince Victor Duleep Singh in 1894 and he commissioned a significant extension in 1895.

In 1898 Prince Victor married Lady Anne Coventry. They settled into married life and he followed his interest in country pursuits, securing shooting rights over 4500 acres. The Hall was decorated in the Louis XIV style, while wall panels and chairs were covered in embroidered silk that was said to have formed part of the great durbar tent of his grandfather, Maharajah Ranjit Singh. Prince Victor was a close friend of Lord Carnarvon and was a regular visitor to Highclere. Unfortunately Prince Victor enjoyed gambling and excessive spending and was declared bankrupt in 1902. The Prince then moved to France where he died in 1928 and is buried in Monte Carlo.

Hockwold Hall currently offers a unique opportunity for accommodation, weddings and events throughout the year. Details of events are listed at:

[www.hockwoldhallnorfolk.com](http://www.hockwoldhallnorfolk.com)

## Old Buckenham Hall

Old Buckenham, Attleborough, NR17 1PQ

Prince Frederick Duleep Singh purchased Old Buckenham Hall and its 340 acre estate in 1897. He later sold the property described as A Miniature Mansion in a Miniature Park and it became a private boarding school. However, after a fire destroyed much of the building in 1952, Old Buckenham Hall fell back into private hands. The visitor's book of Christmas 1900 includes Prince Victor, Maharani Ada and other family members. There is

a plaque in the grounds of Old Buckenham Hall installed by Prince Frederick to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. There is an old oak tree at the junction of the village that was planted by Prince Frederick and is affectionately known as The Black Prince's Tree.

*Not open to the public.*

## Breckles House



## Breckles House

Stow Bedon, Attleborough, NR17 1BY

Breckles House has evolved over the years, originally forming part of the Breckles Hall Estate. Prince Frederick resided at Breckles House between 1906 and 1909 after Old Buckenham Hall was sold. Breckles House was certainly a modest house by comparison to the Elveden Hall. Evidence of the former tennis court he installed during his stay can still be seen on the front lawn. Equestrian painter Alfred Munnings stayed with Prince Frederick whilst painting 'Cattle Grazing Before Hay Wagons'.

The Cuthbert family have owned Breckles House since 1990. It remains a private residence but opens during the Festival of Norfolk & Punjab and by appointment only during June to September.

**Tel 01953 483128**

## Aspall Hall

Debenham, Suffolk IP14 6PD

Prince Albert Edward Duleep Singh received schooling at Aspall Hall during his childhood in 1890. Whilst at Aspall, the Prince began riding and took an interest in cricket. He would write home to his sisters, informing them of his day-to-day

activities and sometimes even asked them to send him school supplies and other items. The Chevallier family who have lived and made cider at Aspall Hall since 1702 still own the estate and have continued to expand their cider business.

*Not open to the public.*

## Points of interest:

### Euston Hall

Euston, Suffolk, IP24 2QP

Prince Frederick was great friends with the Duke and Duchess of Grafton, having grown up on the neighbouring estate of Elveden and sharing a love of Stuart paintings. The Duchess of Grafton opened the Ancient House Museum of Thetford in 1924. Later the Duke of Grafton was made honorary President of the Friends of Thetford Museum. Euston Hall boasts one of the finest Stuart art collections in the country and is open to the public seasonally. Prince Frederick bequeathed his collection to Inverness Museum and Art Gallery. [www.eustonhall.co.uk](http://www.eustonhall.co.uk)

### Oxburgh Hall

Oxborough, near Swaffham, PE33 9PS

Oxburgh Hall is a Tudor moated country house completed in 1482 for Sir Edmund Bedingfield and home to the Bedingfield family ever since. Prince Frederick Duleep Singh visited Oxburgh Hall to record portraits housed there for his two volume publication Portraits in Norfolk Houses. This includes portraits of the Bedingfield family of Oxburgh. The Hall is now the property of the National Trust where you can follow in the footsteps of Prince Frederick. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/oxburgh-hall](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/oxburgh-hall)



*Euston Hall*

### West Stow Hall

Icklingham Road, West Stow, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP28 6EY

In 1901, Prince Frederick took a party on a tour of West Stow Hall. He had written a paper about the property so knew it well and was particularly interested in its architecture and history. He was also keen to know more about its reputed hauntings.

[www.weststowhall.com](http://www.weststowhall.com)

### Oliver Cromwell's House

29 St Mary's Street, Ely, Cambridgeshire, CB7 4HF

Staunch Jacobite Prince Frederick was not a fan of Oliver Cromwell. Visitors recalled seeing an oil painting of Oliver Cromwell hanging upside down in the dining room at Breckles House and the drawing room at Blo' Norton Hall.

[www.olivercromwellshouse.co.uk](http://www.olivercromwellshouse.co.uk)



## Points of interest:

### Moyses' Hall

Cornhill, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1DX

Prince Frederick Duleep Singh donated an Eolian Harp made by renowned English poet Robert Bloomfield to Moyses' Hall Museum. The harp was previously owned by Capel Lofft and was given to the Prince by Lofft's son.

[www.moysesshall.org](http://www.moysesshall.org)

### All Saints Church

Church Lane, Worlington,  
Bury St Edmunds, IP28 8SG

Lieutenant Colonel James Oliphant of Worlington Hall is buried in the churchyard of All Saints Church. Oliphant was the Equerry to Maharajah Duleep Singh.

### Grave of Sir John Login

St Peter and Paul Church,  
Felixstowe, IP11 9NF

Sir John Login was a Scottish surgeon in India and guardian of Maharajah Duleep Singh when he was a young boy. The two shared the strong, loving bond of a father and son. On 10th October, 1863, Sir John Login passed away. The Maharajah had preferred John Login to be buried at Elveden but Lady Login preferred her husband to be buried at Felixstowe. Therefore, Duleep Singh erected a granite and marble monument to Sir John Login in the churchyard at Felixstowe.

### Magdalene College, Trinity College, University of Cambridge

Magdalene St, Cambridge CB3 0AG

Magdalene College was founded in 1428. Trinity College was founded in 1546 by King Henry VIII. Both Prince Victor and Prince Frederick first went to Eton College and then Prince Victor to Trinity College, with Prince Frederick following to Magdalene College. In 1890 Prince Frederick attained a BA and Masters degree in History. Prince Frederick's love of history, art and archaeology developed and he started collecting old paintings, books and objects. Prince Frederick was also very enthusiastic about acting and starred in many stage plays and pantomimes.

### Plaque to Christopher Layer, Aylsham

Barclays Bank, Market Place,  
Aylsham

This plaque in memory of Christopher Layer, an 18th century Jacobite, was erected at Layer's home by Prince Frederick Duleep Singh. Layer was executed for treason against the King in London on May 17th 1723. Prince Frederick himself was a staunch Jacobite and had a deep attachment to the Stuart royal family. He installed this plaque after discovering that Layer was a Norfolk countryman like himself. The building is now a bank.



## The Anglo Punjab Heritage Foundation

A non-profit organisation enhancing the understanding and awareness of the 'Shared history and heritage' of Great Britain and Punjab

The Anglo Punjab Heritage Foundation is focussed on promoting and commemorating anniversaries, exhibitions, events, and historical sites connected with Anglo-Punjab history.

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or follow us on Facebook  and Instagram 



*Annual Maharajah Duleep Singh remembrance  
service held at Elveden Church*



# THE CHILDREN

## Prince Victor Duleep Singh

Prince Victor, eldest son of Maharajah Duleep Singh and godson of Queen Victoria, was the first person of sikh heritage in Canada. Victor eventually settled in France with his wife Lady Anne of Coventry.

## Prince Frederick Duleep Singh

Prince Frederick Duleep Singh, second son of Maharajah Duleep Singh lived in several Norfolk residences over his lifetime and expressed a great interest in East Anglian archaeology. He was very proud of his East Anglian heritage and left a legacy that the community benefits from today.

## Princess Bamba Duleep Singh

Princess Bamba, born in 1869, was the eldest daughter of Maharajah Duleep Singh. She lived much of her life in Lahore where she troubled the British authorities with her claims to her right to Punjab. Bamba outlived her entire family and was the last descendant of the Duleep Singh family.

## Princess Catherine Duleep Singh

Princess Catherine, born in 1871, was the second daughter of the Maharajah. She was the most secretive of her siblings and spent much time in India and Germany with her governess and partner Lina Schafer. Catherine is well known for housing many German-Jewish refugees at her Norfolk residence during the Second World War.

## Princess Sophia Duleep Singh

Princess Sophia, born in 1879, was the youngest daughter of the Maharajah and goddaughter of Queen Victoria. She played an active role within the suffragette movement working alongside Emmeline Pankhurst. During the Second World War, Sophia visited injured Indian soldiers at Brighton Pavilion and organised 'India Day' to recognise their contributions to the war effort.

## Prince Albert Edward

Prince Edward was the youngest of the Maharajah's children. After his mother's death, Edward and his sisters moved from London to Brighton to be placed under the care of Arthur Oliphant. Unfortunately, at the age of 13, Edward contracted pneumonia and died.

## Princess Pauline

Princess Pauline along with her sister Princess Irene had a very different childhood to her half siblings, although they all met on occasion at Blo' Norton Hall. She married John Tory in 1914 but was widowed within a year. In the 1930s she moved to France where she died in 1941 estranged from her half siblings.

## Princess Irene

Princess Irene married Pierre Villement in 1910. Shortly after Prince Frederick's death she walked into the sea at Monaco in 1926 and committed suicide.

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