Norfolk Baptists up to 1700.

(Note: Members of Thomas Cayme's congregation are marked with a (?) since it is doubtful whether this was a Baptist Church.)

John Aggas (or Hagge) 1672
His house at North Walsham licenced for anabaptist worship.

1677-1693 Minister at Ingham and Stalham (Jos. Thompson's MSS.).
(Churches at North Walsham and Ingham were both at this time "Saturday observers").

John Allen a.1691
St. Mary's, Norwich; first list.

Ann Austine a.1691
St. Mary's; first list.

Henry Austine 1650
Joined Norwich Congregational Church (Old Meeting Church Book).

1651 Freeman Dyer of Norwich.

1669 With Daniel Bradford one of the heads and teachers of an anabaptist conventicle in Norwich.

(Bp. Reynold's Return).

1672 Licenced as Baptist Minister in Norwich.

1681 Warned by the Court of the Mayoralty not to teach or meet in any conventicle. (City Archives).

1689 Subscribed to Articles excepting Infant Baptism. (City Archives).


1692 Represented Norwich as pastor at the general assembly of Particular Baptists in London.
Served on the Committee to determine the controversy whether "the praises of God should be sung in the public assemblies."


Mary Austine a.1691
St. Mary's, Norwich; second list.

Samuel Austine 1675
Admitted pensioner at Caius, Cambridge (Venn).
He did not graduate at Cambridge but as he was subsequently known as "Doctor Austine" it may be that he proceeded to some foreign university.

1689 Subscribed at Norwich to Articles excepting infant baptism.

(City Archives).
In first list of members in St. Mary’s, Norwich, first church book.

Appointed co-pastor of the Norwich Church.

Associated with Thomas Cayme’s Congregation. (Champlin Burrage, II, 310).

St. Mary’s, Norwich; first list.

Associated with Thomas Cayme’s Congregation (Champlin Burrage, II, 310).

Licenced as Baptist Teacher at Gt. Yarmouth.

St. Mary’s, Norwich; second list.

St. Mary’s, Norwich; first list.

Her house at East Ruston licenced as a Baptist Meeting House.

St. Mary’s, Norwich; first list.

Freeman cordwainer of Norwich.

St. Mary’s, Norwich; first list.

Signatory on behalf of Pulham Church of a letter nominating members to the Little Parliament.

(Milton State Papers).

N.B.—The Pulham Church denied the administration of baptism to infants. (Yarmouth Church Book, 1647).

Admitted Rector of Pulham St. Mary.


Ejected from Pulham.

In prison on account of association with Thomas Cayme’s Congregation. (Champlin Burrage, II, 310).

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Robert Boote 1648  Freeman Tanner of Norwich: son of Peter Boote.
   a.1691  St. Mary's, Norwich; first list.
Sister Boote  a.1691  St. Mary's, Norwich; first list. Possibly wife of Robert Boot and possibly the same Mrs. Boot who was baptized at Beccles in 1656 by Christopher Pooly. (Browne, p. 572).
Robert Booth  c.1689  Removed from Spalding to take oversight of the General Baptist Church at Walpole.
   (M. F. Hewett: Baptists of Norfolk).
Daniel Bradford 1642  Concerned with Rev. Wm. Bridge in the formation of a Congregational Church at Norwich and Yarmouth.
   1643  Apl. In the army.
   Oct. Admitted to membership by virtue of his dismission (from Rotterdam).
   (Old Meeting Church Book).
   1653  One of the signatories for the Norwich church of a letter making nominations for the Little Parliament.
   (Milton State Papers).
   1654  Deacon of the Norwich Church.
   1656  One of the signatories of a letter from the Norwich Church inviting representatives of the churches to meet to discuss the Fifth Monarchy.
   1663  Had ceased to act as deacon.
   1667  Declared he "could not hould Communion any longer with ye Church." (Norwich Old Meeting Church Book).
   1668  In prison in Norwich. (City Archives).
   1669  Head and Teacher of an anabaptist conventicle at his own house in Norwich with Henry Austine, q.v.
   (Bp. Reynold’s Return).
   1672  Licenced as Baptist teacher in Norwich.
Lidea Bradley  a.1691  St. Mary's, Norwich; first list.
John Bretingham 1670  Freeman Worstead Weaver of Norwich.
   a.1691  St. Mary's, Norwich; first list.
Henry Brett 1689/90 Ordained by Richard Tidmarsh at Pulham during Tidmarsh’s tour of the Eastern Counties. (Klaiber, p. 41).

Richard Breviter 1647 M.A. of Corpus Christi, Cambridge. (Venn).
1653 Signatory on behalf of the North Walsham Church of the Norfolk letter of nomination to the Little Parliament. (Milton State Papers).
1654 Signed as pastor of North Walsham Church a letter commending John Tillinghast’s “Exposition of the Prophecies of the Two Witnesses.”
1654 Aug. One of the Norfolk Commissioners for ejecting Scandalous Ministers.
1656 July Being dipped argued for dipping and against baptising children at a meetings of messengers of churches. (Thurloe, V. p. 219).


Sister Brighting a,1691 St. Mary’s, Norwich; second list.
Katherine Burman a,1691 St. Mary’s, Norwich; second list.
Ruth Burton (?) of Gt. Yarmouth 1630 Associated with Thomas Cayme’s Congregation (Champlin Burrage, II, 310).

William Burton a,1691 First list of Church Members in St. Mary’s, Norwich Church Book.
John Butcher 1677 Freeman Worstead Weaver of Norwich (Son of Stephen).
  a,1698 St. Mary’s, Norwich; third list.
Samuel Butler (?) 1630 Associated with Thomas Cayme’s Congregation (Champlin Burrage, II, 310).
  Grocer of Gt. Yarmouth
Buttephant, “of the life guard” 1656 One of our North Walsham Fifth Monarchy brethren lately dipped. (Thurloe State Papers).

Edmond Cannon or Camments (?) a,1698 Freeman of Gt. Yarmouth.
Mary Casen 1700 Gt. Ellingham (Covenant Book).
Thomas Cayme (or Caine) (?) 1624 He was imprisoned at Gt. Yarmouth for gathering a congregation of anabaptists. (Palmer’s Perlustrations, Vol. II, p. 35). There is no clear evidence that Cayme was an anabaptist though so described. He was a separatist certainly.

John Chandler a.1698 St. Mary’s, Norwich; third list.
Alice Clarke 1692 Witnesses of the dying words of Thomas Grantham q.v. (Norwich copy, Christiansimus Primitivus).
John Clarke

Ann Codling a.1691 St. Mary’s, Norwich; first list.
Sister Crome a.1691 St. Mary’s, Norwich; first list.
Kathrin Croskin a.1691 St. Mary’s, Norwich; first list.
Ann Cullyer a.1691 St. Mary’s, Norwich; second list.
James Cunningham 1664 Freeman Clothmaker of Norwich.
a.1691 First list of Church members in St. Mary’s, Norwich Church Book.

Elizabeth Dallison a.1691 St. Mary’s, Norwich; first list.
John Dawson a.1691 St. Mary’s, Norwich; second list.
Joseph Dawson a.1691 St. Mary’s, Norwich; first list.
Thomas Dawson a.1698 St. Mary’s, Norwich; third list.
Bridget Dewin a.1691 St. Mary’s, Norwich; first list.
Robert Dickson a.1698 St. Mary’s, Norwich; third list.
Ephraim Dowson, Woolcomber 1697 Signatory of a lease of the “Old Chapel” on behalf of the Norwich General Baptist Church.

John Durrant 1693-1714 Minister of Ingham and Stalham Baptist Church. (Jos. Thompson’s MSS.). His house at Ingham licenced for Baptist preaching.
Samuel Durrant 1672
John Eldrid 1699 Gt. Ellingham (Covenant Book).
Thomas Ellis 1635 Admitted to Sidney, Cambridge, aged 17.
1639 B.A. Ordained deacon at Norwich.
1642 M.A.
1654 Rector of North and South Lopham.
1661 Ejected “pro dogmatibus Anabaptist- 
acis.”

Mary Ennis (?) of Caistor near Yarmouth
William Euring
Sister Fassit
Thomas Flatman

1630 Associated with Thomas Cayme’s Congregation (Champlin Burrage, II, 309).

Joan Foulsham
John Foyster, Snr.
John Foyster, Jnr.
Nathaniel Foxwell

1664 Issued Token Coins at Pulham and Norwich.

(£. A. Tillett, Tokens of Norfolk).

1666 Freeman Tallow Chandler of Norwich.
1672 Licenced Baptist Teacher in Norwich.
1677 Paid £3 for exemption from being Constable in Norwich. (City Archives).
1689 July Subscribed to Articles excepting infant baptism. (City Archives).
1689 Sept. Accompanied Henry Austine to Particular Baptist Assembly in London.

(c.1689 Entry in St. Mary’s first Church book in hand of Henry Austine records a request to him to assist in preaching.

1691 St. Mary’s, Norwich; second list.
1691 St. Mary’s, Norwich; second list.


(Dr. W. T. Whitley, Vol. I, p. 31): “It is agreed by this Assembly that Bror. ffoxWell of Canterbury be sent to Norwich to assist Bror. Grantham in the Ministerial work of the Gospell.”

1697 Signatory of a lease of the “Old Chapel” on behalf of the Norwich General Baptist Church. Described therein as “Worstead Weaver.”

Margrett Foyster
Thomas Gamball

1691 St. Mary’s, Norwich; second list.
1692 Witness of the dying words of Thomas Grantham, q.v.

(Norwich Christianismus Primitivus).
Lucy Green  a.1691  St. Mary's, Norwich; first list.
Mary Gill  1656  A member of the Congregational Church at Beccles, she had some time before been re-baptized at Norwich.

(Browne, p. 549).

Daniel Gillman  1661  Freeman Cordwainer of Norwich.
1697  Signatory of a lease of the "Old Chapel" on behalf of the Norwich General Baptist Church.

Mary Gooding  a.1691  St. Mary's, Norwich; first list.
Adam Goodwins (?)  1630  Associated with Thomas Cayme's Congregation (Champlin Burrage, II, 309).
    of Caistor near Yarmouth

William Goodwin  1670  Freeman Tailor of Norwich.
a.1691  St. Mary's, Norwich; first list.
Robert Gould  a.1698  St. Mary's, Norwich; third list.
Ann Grantham  1692  Witness of the dying words of Thomas Grantham, q.v.

(Norwich Christianismus Primitivus).

1685 or 86  Removed to Norwich and founded a General Baptist Church.
1686  Founded a General Baptist Church at Gt. Yarmouth.
1689  Founded a General Baptist Church at King's Lynn.

(Dictionary of National Biography).

1691/92 Jan.  Grantham died and was buried in St. St. Stephen's Church, Norwich.

(Church Register).

Author of Christianismus Primitivus and numerous pamphlets.

Elizabeth Graves  1691  St. Mary's, Norwich; third list.
    see Aggas.
John Hagge  a.1691  St. Mary's, Norwich; second list.
Joan Hardingham  1689  Freeman Worstead Weaver of Norwich (son of John Hardingham).
    a,1698  St. Mary's, Norwich; third list.
Joseph Hardingham  1691  St. Mary's, Norwich; third list.
Mary Hardingham  Edward Harrold  1699  Deacon, Gt. Ellingham (Covenant Book).
1699  Gt. Ellingham. (Covenant Book).
Sister Hayne  a.1691  St. Mary's, Norwich; second list.
Margrett Hedgman a.1691 St. Mary's, Norwich; first list.
John Heet 1697 Signatory of a lease of the "Old Chapel on behalf of the Norwich General Baptist Church.
Woolcomber
Thomas Helsden 1656 Attended the funeral of John Pendarves at Abingdon representing the North Walsham Church.
Thomas Hide 1656 Attended the funeral of John Pendarves at Abingdon representing the North Walsham Church.
John Hooker 1689 Subscribed to Articles excepting infant baptism at Norwich. Described as Merchant. (City Archives).
Wm. Humphrey a.1691 Added to list of members of Norwich Church (St. Mary's) by Henry Austine.
John Jervis a.1691 St. Mary's, Norwich; second list.
Robert Jessop, Woolcomber 1697 Signatory of a lease of the "Old Chapel" on behalf of the Norwich General Baptist Church.
Daniel Killingworth, Woolcomber 1697 Signatory of a lease of the "Old Chapel" on behalf of the Norwich General Baptist Church.
Henry Keymer (?), an inferior Tradesman 1669 Head and Teacher of a conventicle of Independents and Anabaptists at Wells. (Bp. Reynold's Return).
Robert Kipping 1669 Freeman Grocer of Norwich.
a.1691 St. Mary's, Norwich; first list.
William Knights 1699 Gt. Ellingham (Covenant Book).
Mary Ladd (?), widow, of Gt. Yarmouth 1630 Associated with Thomas Cayme's Congregation (Champlin Burrage, II, 310).
Susanna Lawes 1691 St. Mary's, Norwich; third list.
Robert Leman 1631 Freeman Worstead Weaver of Norwich.
a.1691 St. Mary's, Norwich; first list.
Ann Lockwood 1700 Gt. Ellingham (Covenant Book).
Thos. Lockwood 1700 " Deacon.
Thomas Mallett 1672 His house at Hedenham licenced for baptist preaching.
Widdow March (?) of Gt. Yarmouth 1630 Associated with Thomas Cayme's Congregation (Champlin Burrage, II, 310).

(To be concluded)

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