

HOUSES IN THANET - 1565

From a newspaper cutting from a scrap book.

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"A manuscript in the Cotton Library British Museum, gives the following certificate of the state of the coast of Thanet in 1565, signed by the Queen's Commissioners, -

Ramsgate hath houses	25
Boats and other vessels from 3 to 10 tons	14
Men appertaining to these boates for fishing and carrying of grain	70
Broadstairs hath houses	98
Boates and other vessels from 2 to 12 tons	8
Men employed in them	40
Margate hath houses	108
Persons lacking proper Habitacyons	8
Boates and other vessels from 1 to 40 tons	10
Persons employed in carrying of grain and fishing	60
Birchington hath houses	42
But hath neither shippe nor boate	

This last piece of information adds very strongly to my argument that Birchington was of some significance in Thanet – and clearly more than a town like Ramsgate – in the mid to late Medieval and early Tudor periods.