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Hind, Rev. William Marsden (1815 – 1894)

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William Hind was born in a small village, near to Belfast on 21st February, 1815. He was educated at the Belfast Academy, and then Trinity College, Dublin where he graduated in 1839.

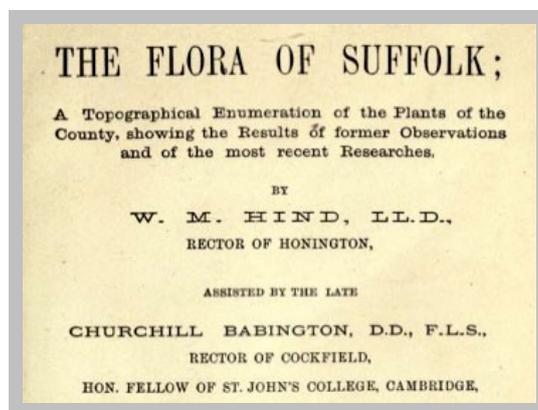
In 1839, he took up the Curacy at Derriaghy in Co. Down; it was here that he began his study of botany and plants. In 1845, he moved to [Pulverbach](#) – as Curate where he stayed until 1848. In 1861, he became perpetual curate at Pinner and remained in this post until 1875. His final appointment was a Rector at Honington, near Bury St. Edmunds.

His first contributions to botanical literature were some notes to *The Phytologist* in 1851 (Regarding *Lolium perenne*, *Anacharis* and the localities of some plants near to Belfast. In 1864 (and again in 1876), he contributed in no small way to [Melvill's](#) *Flora of Harrow* and also to *Tate's Flora Belfastiensis (1863)* and *Cybele Hibernia, (1866)*.

He was awarded the degree of LL.D by Trinity College, Dublin in 1870 subsequent to the donation of his extensive British herbarium to that institution, He contributed various articles to the *Journal of Botany*, including notes on Middlesex plants, a list of North Cornwall plants, and a note on *Arabis albida*.

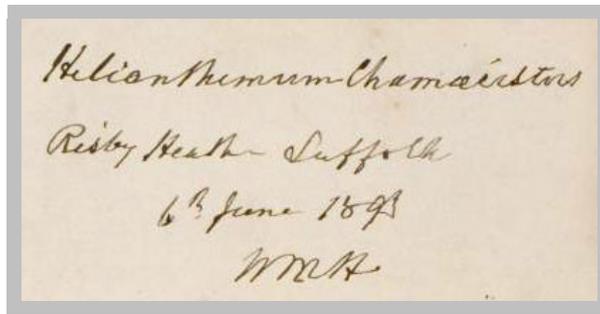
Hind's main contribution to botanical literature and knowledge was his *Flora of Suffolk*, which was published in 1889. This was deemed to be a very accurate guide to the plants of that county – through his persevering and painstaking work. The herbarium that Hind acquired during the preparation of this Flora, he passed to the Ipswich Museum. His Flora of Suffolk may be accessed here : <http://www.archive.org/stream/floraofsuffolktooohindrich#page/n7/mode/2up>

The flora contained a section on the geology of the area that was written by his son – Dr. Wheelton Hind. See some of his specimens / sheets at [H@H](#); <http://herbariaunited.org/specimen/312542/?image>



He continued an interest in botany up to the time of his death – which occurred unexpectedly. On the morning of September 13th, he left home to attend a clerical conference at Walsham le Willows, apparently in good health. However, whilst addressing the meeting, he died.

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