

## 1576 STOURE Flu

### Saxton's map of Essex,

Essexiæ comitat. nova, vera ac absoluta descriptio : an'o D'ni 1576.

By Christopher Saxton, b. 1542?

Scale [ca. 1:145,000].

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## 1577 – 1587 STURE, STURUS & STOURE

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**AN HISTORICALL DE|scription of the Ilande of Britayne, with a briefe re|hearfall of the nature and qualities of the people of Englande, and of all fuch com|modities as are to be founde in the fame. 1577**

## **2.1. Of ryuers and waters that lofe their before they come at the fea. Cap. 1. P60**

Thence it goeth forth to Abbots St [...]fted, beneath which it méeteth wyth the Stoure, west as I remember, of Roydon. This **Sture** riseth at Wenden lootes,[...] from whence it goeth to Langley, Claueryng, Berden Manh [...]en, & Byrcheanger (where it receyueth a ryll commyng from Elfing [...] & Stansted Mount [...]tcher.) Thence it hy [...] on to **bifhoppes Stourford**, Sakrichworth, and beneath this town, crosseth with another frō the east side of Elfingham, that goeth to Hatfield Brodock, Shityng, Harlo, and [...] into the **Stoure**, and from whence they goe together to Eftwyc, Parmedon, and next in|to the Lée.

**An Historicall description of the Iland of Britaine, with a briefe rehearsall of the nature and qualities of the people of England □ and such commodities as are to be found in the same. Comprehended in three bookes, and written by W. H. 1587**

## **1.10. The description of the Thames, and such riuers as fall into the same. Cap. 11. P51**

Thence it ( the Lee)goeth foorth to Abbats Stansted, beneath which it méeteth with the **Stoure**, west (as I remember) of Roidon. **Sturus.**

This Sture riseth at Wenden lootes, from whence it goeth to Langleie, Clauering, Berden, Manhuden, & Birchanger (where it taketh a rill com|ming from Elsingham, & Stansted Mountfitchet.) The [...] it hieth on to **Bishops Stourford**, Sabrich|foord, and beneath this towne crosseth with another from the east side of Elsingham, that goeth to Hat|field, Brodocke, Shiring, Harlo, & so into the **Stoure**, and from whence they go together to Eastwic, Par [...]edon, and next into the Lée.

## **1594 - STORTE**

### **Norden's Description of Essex, 1594**

and Midlesex. The Storte deuideth it and Hertfordshire, passing by Stortford, wherof it taketh name. On the north it hath the Stowre, which as a tether boundeth it in, from Suffolke. So that by theis riuers it becometh peninsula; only the north-west parte hath no riuier to deuyde it and Cambridgshire.

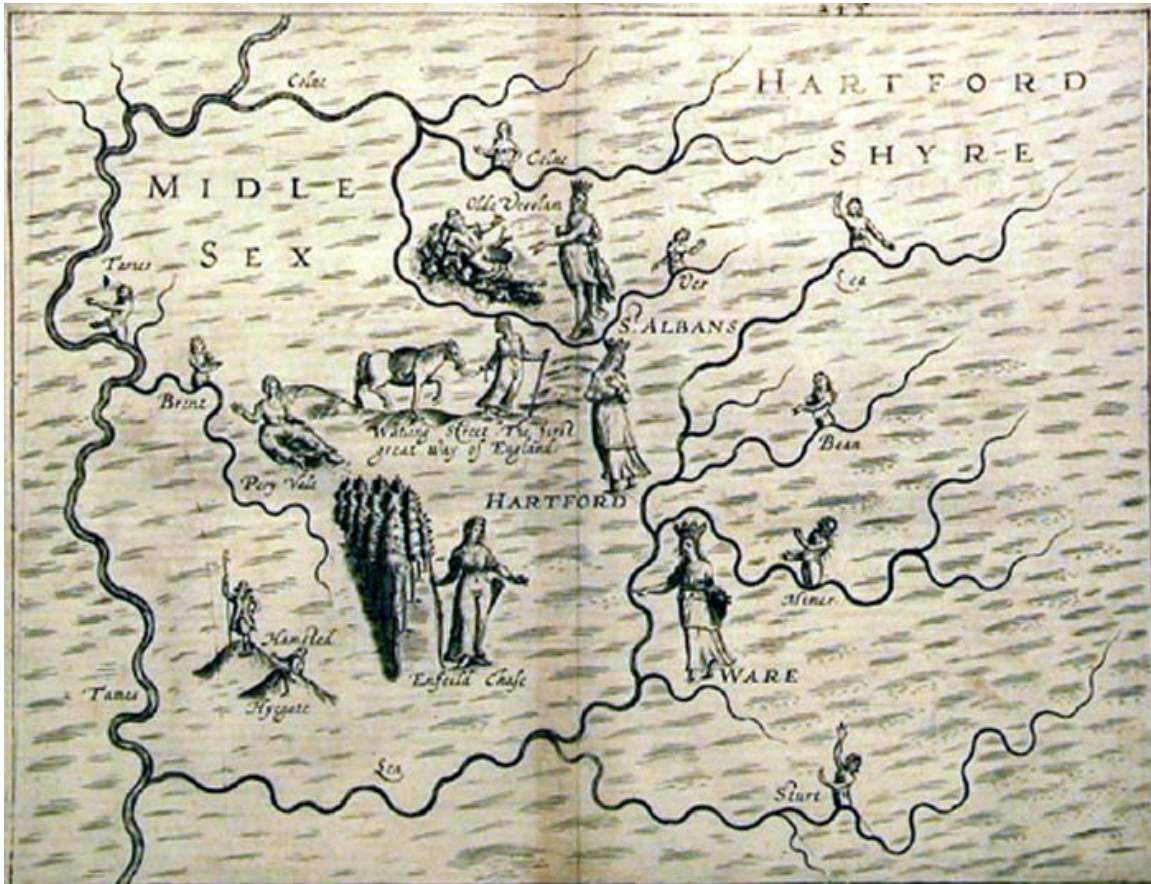
## **1607 – STORT & STOURE the LESSE**

*William Camden*, Britain, or, a Chorographicall Description of the most flourishing Kingdomes, England, Scotland, and Ireland

We present here the text of Philemon Holland's English translation of 1610, based on Camden's final edition of 1607 and probably translated under Camden's direction

"...river Ley from Middlesex, and **Stort** or **Stoure the Lesse**, which runneth into it, from Hertfordshire".

## 1610 – STURT



### Poly-Olbion: A Chronologic Description of Great Britain

By Michael Drayton Published 1610

And, since, distressed *Lee* I have been left forlorne,  
A by-word to each Brook, and to the World a scorne.

When **Sturt**, a Nymph of hers (whose faith she oft had prov'd,  
And whom, of all her traine, *Lee* most intirely lov'd)

Least so excessive griefe, her Mistresse might invade,  
 Thus (by faire gentle speech) to patience doth perswade :  
 Though you be not so great to others as before,  
 Yet not a jot for that dislike your selfe the more.  
 Your case is not alone, nor is (at all) so strange ;  
 Sith every thing on earth subiects it selfe to change.  
 Where riuers sometime ran, is firme and certaine ground :  
 And where before were Hills, now standing Lakes are found.  
 And that which most you vrge, your beauty to dispoile,  
 Doth recompence your Bank, with quantitie of foyle,  
 Befet with ranks of Swans ; that, in their wonted pride,  
 Do prune their snowy plumes vpon your pleasant side.  
 And *Waltham* wooes you still, and smiles with wonted cheere :  
 And *Tames* as at the first, so still doth hold you deer.  
 To much beloued *Lee*, this scarcely *Sturt* had spoke,  
 But goodly *Londons* fight their further purpose broke :