

# David Badham

1784 – 1865

David Badham was born in London, into a successful and wealthy family.

In 1802, aged only 18, David married Rebecca of the prominent local Pung family.

David and Sarah lived at The Cedars in Bulmer.

Their children were: Anne, Sarah, George, Charles (later Rev. Charles Badham), Eliza, Alice, and Mary.

Rebecca died in 1816.

David is on the Bulmer voting list of 1810. He is listed as a voter in the 1847 election when a split among Tory MPs allowed the Whigs to continue in power.

David was a county magistrate and deputy lieutenant; the family lived on 'private means' and employed live-in servants.

In a talk in 2005, Peter Badham explained that *"David Badham, [was] one of Her Majesty's deputy lieutenants for the county, and for nearly 60 years a magistrate for Essex and Suffolk. That means he was a JP by the age of 22 or 23 and you did not become a JP at that sort of age unless you had estates, influence or something."*

In 1865 David Badham died at The Cedars, Bulmer, Essex, aged 82, confirming his birth of about 1783.

In Bulmer churchyard there a limestone slab engraved:

The Family Vault of D Badham Esq.