

TOTMONSLOW HUNDRED

VILLAGES IN LEEK PARISH

HEATON is a hamlet in Rushton chapelry, $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles N.W. by N. of Leek. John Broclehurst, Esq. of Macclesfield, is lord of the manor, and owner of most of the soil. Here is a small *cotton-mill*, on the river Dane, which separates this county from Cheshire. *Swithamley hall*, the ancient seat of the Traffords, has long been unoccupied.

RUSHTON-JAMES is a hamlet and township, 5 miles N.W. of Leek, in G. C. Antrobus, Esquire's, manor of Horton.

RUSHTON-SPENCER is a small village, on an eminence, near the Macclesfield road, 5 miles N.W. by N. of Leek, in the parochial chapelry of Rushton, which includes the three townships of Rushton-Spencer, Rushton-James, and Heaton. The small *chapel*, dedicated to Saint Lawrence, is supposed to have been founded before Leek Church; and several hundred pounds have lately been expended in law, in a fruitless attempt to establish it as a parish church, and thereby free the inhabitants from paying marriage and other surplice fees to the vicar of Leek, and from contributing to the reparation of the mother church in that town. They are free from tithes and Easter offerings, and claim the right of nominating their incumbent curate; but the vicar still exercises that privilege, and the office is now held by the Rev. George Mounsey, of Fairfield, in Derbyshire; for whom the Rev. James Turner officiates. The benefice is endowed with 60 acres of land at Heaton. The Chapel is said to have been anciently called, "The Chapel in the Wilderness." Near it is *St. Helen's Well*, which pours forth a very copious stream; but sometimes it happens that it will become suddenly dry, after a constant discharge of water for eight or ten years; and so on those occasions, the superstitious formerly presaged that some stupendous calamity of

famine, war, or some other great national disaster, was soon to follow. The manor of Rushton Spencer is in five moieties; F.G. Johnson, Esq., J. Webb, Esq., the Harware family, and Mr Thomas Yardley, each having one part; but in the other division, the landowners have purchased the manorial rights on their own estates. – At RUSHTON MARSH, is a village on the turnpike, half a mile S.W. of the Chapel, are three public-houses, a Methodist Chapel; and a school, built by subscription, in 1772, and endowed with land worth £3 a year.

HEATON.

Berresford John & James, cotton spinners, Dane bridge

Dale Daniel, blacksmith & br. Hs.

Ratcliff John, vict. Black Horse

FARMERS.

*Marked * are Yeoman.*

Armitt John

Bailey Samuel

*Bateman Wm.

Bosson John

Bowyer Peter

Brown Wm.

Buxton Nathan

Clowes Thomas

*Cooper Jas. (& butcher)

*Davenport Js.

Fletcher Wm.

Goodfellow Jn.

Gould Wm.

Heapy Joshua

*Hope Thomas

Lockett John

Mellor Samuel

Moss Thomas

Moss Wm.

Nadin John

*Robinson Geo.

*Smith Joseph

Sudlow George

Turnock Adam

*Turnock Benj.

Waller Richard

Woolliscroft Jn.

RUSHTON-JAMES.

Bosson Wm. Vict. Fox

Buxton Ralph, beerhouse

Dale Abner, blacksmith

Gibson Charles, wheelwright

Gibson Thomas, rake maker

Goodwin John, stone mason

Hammond Jonth. vict. Crown

Pilsbury James, rake maker

Whitaker Ts. beer hs. & shopkr.

FARMERS.

*Marked * are Yeomen.*

*Baddely John

Bailey Thomas

*Bostock Wm.

Buxton T. & W.

*Clowes Thos.

Gibson Thos.

Knight Saml.

Machin Chas.

Machin John

Poole James

Shaw James

RUSHTON-SPENCER.

Marker 1 are at Rushton marsh.

Gibson Charles, beer house

Goodwin John, beer house

1 Graham Wm. Schoolmaster

1 Heapy Thos. Florentine button manfr. & shopkeeper

1 Heapy Wm. Corn miller

Mitchell Richard, nail maker

1 Rigby Joseph, blacksmith

INNS & TAVERNS.

1 Golden Lion, Jas. Turnock

1 Robin Hood, Geo. Kent

1 Royal Oak, Jph. Hargreaves

FARMERS

*Marked * are Yeomen.*

1* Bailey Josh.

Billinge Geo.

* Lockett John

* Sumner Thos.

Tomkinson W.

1* Tunnicliff J.

Vernon Hanh. And sons

* Yardley Ts. Wall hill