

## VILLAGES, &amp;C., IN LEEK PARISH.

HEATON is a hamlet and township of 2300 acres, and 405 souls, in Rushton chapelry, 4½ miles N.W. by N. of Leek. Wm. Brocklehurst, Esq., is lord of the manor, but a great part of the soil belongs to the Earl of Macclesfield, Thos Yardley, Esq., Mrs Gaunt, and a few smaller owners. On the river *Dane*, which separates this county from Cheshire, is a small cotton mill. *Swithamley Hall*, the ancient seat of the Traffords, is now the property of and occasional residence of Wm. Brocklehurst, Esq., of Macclesfield. *Heaton House*, the neat modern of James Robins, Esq., stands on a commanding eminence, where the high moorland heath has been much improved by him and Josiah Gaunt, Esq., and embellished with thriving plantations. Here is an old Wesleyan Chapel.

RUSHTON JAMES is a hamlet and township of 283 souls and 1000 acres, 5 miles N.W. of Leek, in G. C. Antrobus, Esquire's, manor of Horton.

RUSHTON SPENCER is a village and township of 355 souls and 1500 acres, 5 miles N.W. by N. of Leek, in the chapelry of Rushton, which includes the three townships of Rushton-Spencer, Rushton-James, and Heaton. The small *Chapel*, dedicated to St. Lawrence, is supposed to have been founded before Leek Church; and a fruitless attempt was made about 20 years ago to establish it as a parish church. It was anciently called *The Chapel in the Wilderness*, and was thoroughly repaired in 1848. Near it is *St. Helen's Well*, which pours forth a very copious stream; but sometimes it happens it will become suddenly dry, after a constant discharge of water for eight or ten years. The *perpetual curacy* is valued at only £91, though it is endowed with 60A of land at Heaton. The vicar of Leek is patron, and the Rev. Geo. Mounsey, of Fairfield, Derbyshire, is the incumbent, for whom the Rev. James Turner, M.A., of Meerbrook, officiates. The *manor* is in five moieties,

belonging to the Johnson, Webb, Hardware, and Yardley families, except one moiety, which belongs to the freeholders. At RUSHTON MARSH 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. Here is a *Railway station*, on the Churnet Valley branch of the North Staffordshire Railway, and it is sometimes thronged with visitors to Rudyard Lake, as already noted. The poor of Rushton-Spencer have a house and 1½ acres of land, let for £7 a year, and purchased in 1753 with £23 left by Alice Yardley and Mary Sidebotham. One-third of the rent is distributed in money at Christmas, and the remainder in monthly doles of bread. In 1725, Elizabeth Hulme bequeathed to the poor of Rushton-James, a yearly rent charge of £4 out of her messuage, at Woodhouse Green, to be distributed in clothing on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Sarah Niccoll, in 1783, bequeathed £200, and directed the interest to be distributed in clothing on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January yearly, among poor men and women of Heaton and Leek-Frith. This sum was invested in the three per cent. annuities, in 1726, and produces an annual income of £10. 2s. 6d.

#### HEATON.

Brocklehurst Wm., Esq., *Switbamley Hall* (and Macclesfield)

Robins Jas., surgeon, *Heaton House*

Corbitchley Thomas, wheelwright

Dauber James, shoemaker

Earlam Thomas, blacksmith

Mycock Harden, butcher

Nadin John, shoemaker

Ratcliff John, vict. Black Horse

Salt James & Tarr Daniel, shoemakers

## FARMERS

Allen Wm

Arnett Joseph

Bateman Wm

Buxton Henry

Cooper Jas., btchr

Dale John

Dale Joseph

Dawson James

Deakin Charles

Fletcher Wm

Gibson Henry

Goodfellow John

Goodwin Joseph

Hall Jacob

Heath Wm

Hine Thomas

Hulme Robert

Mayden Wm

Moss Sarah

Moss Wm

Shaw Widow

Slack James

Slack Wm

Smith Samuel

Steel George

Sudlow George

Swindels Michael

Tarr Daniel

Tatton Ralph

Turnock George

Whiston Joseph

#### RUSHTON-JAMES

Bostock Rev. James, incumbent of Wincle, Wolfdale

Bailey Moses, wheelwright

Dale Benjamin, blacksmith

Gibson Chas., wheelwgt. & vict. Fox

Hammond Chas., vict. Hanging Gate

Winkle Sml., vict. Crown, & Blksmith

#### FARMERS.

Bailey Charles (and mason)

Bailey John

Bailey Thomas (and mason)

Bailey Samuel

Boon Thomas

Buxton Samuel

Clowes Thomas

Gibson Thomas (& rake maker)

Hand Ann

Knight Thomas

Machin Widow

Mitchell John

Whittaker Thos

#### RUSHTON-SPENCER

*Marker 1 are at Rushton Marsh.*

Batkin John, police officer

Bradburn Samuel, shop keeper

1 Chappells John, vict. Golden Lion

Cook James, silk dyer

Goldsmith George, station master

Hargreaves Mr Joseph

1 Kent George, vict. Robin Hood

Knight Thomas, shoemaker

Mayer Henry I., schoolmaster

Mitchell Thomas, nail maker

1 Rigby Jph., blacksmith & shopkpr

1 Spilsbury Fras., shoemkr & beerhs

1 Tunncliffe Mr Joseph

Vernon Joseph, corn miller

1 Vernon Charles, vict. Red Lion

1 Wilshaw George, shopkeeper

## FARMERS.

(\*are Owners.)

\*Bailey Josiah

Bailey Hannah

Chappells Nathan

Dawson Joseph

Dauber Hugh

Goodwin widow

\*Lockett George

\*Lockett John

Machin John

I Nixon Thomas

Sumner Thomas

I Thomkinson Wm

Vernon John

Wright George

\*Yardley Thomas, *Wall Hill*

Yates Henry

## RAILWAY

Trains 4 times a day each way.