

RUSHTON SPENCER (or The Rushtons) and HEATON.

RUSHTON SPENCER, anciently "RISSETON" is a small township formed into a separate parish May 19, 1865, from the civil parish of Leek and stands on an acclivity on the Cheshire border, within a short distance of the Leek Macclesfield road, and near the Rushton station on the Churnet Valley section of the North Staffordshire railway, which passes through this township; it is 7 miles south-east from Macclesfield, 5 north-west from Leek and 157 from London, in the parochial chapelry of Rushton (which includes the townships of Rushton Spencer, Rushton James and Heaton and the hamlet of Rushton Marsh), in the Leek division of the county, North Totmonslow hundred, Leek union, sessional and county court district, rural deanery of Leek, archdeaconry of Stoke-on-Trent and diocese of Lichfield. The church of St. Lawrence the Martyr, formerly called "The Chapel in the Wilderness," on top of a steep elevation near the village and screened by noble firs and yew trees, is a small but ancient and curious edifice of stone, but originally almost wholly of timber, and consists of chancel and nave, south porch and western belfry containing one bell: over the piers on the north side of the nave is some dog-tooth carving in oak, dating from the time of Henry II, and probably unique: there are sittings for 250 persons. The registers date from 1700 only, the older ones having been lost or destroyed. The living is a vicarage, gross yearly value £174, net £150, including 66 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the vicar of Leek, and held since 1887 by the Rev. Stephen Thomas B. A. of St. David's College, Lampeter. There are Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist chapels. The poor of Rushton Spencer have the benefit of a house and 1½ acres of land, purchased in 1753, and let for £8 yearly, as well as of £22 left by Alice Eardley and Mary Sydebotham, by will 13<sup>th</sup> March 1744; the rent is chiefly distributed in weekly doles of bread. The Rev. James Turner incumbent of Meerbrook, on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 1854, charged Spring cottage, Roche-side, with £1 yearly for bibles and prayer books. The manor of

Rushton Spencer, while formerly belonging to the De Spencer, Savage and other families, now belongs to the freeholders. The principle landowners are the Earl of Macclesfield, Charles Crompton Esq. Q. C. of Chorley Hall, Bridgnorth, the trustees of the late Mrs Ripley, of Hillcot Hall, and Captain Jones-Byrom, of Dieulacres Abbey, Leek. The soil is light and sandy; subsoil, stiff clay and sandstone. The land is principally pasture. The area of Rushton Spencer is 1,152 acres of land and 8 acres of water; rateable value of Rushton Spencer, £3,145; the population of Rushton Spencer in 1891 was 339, and the entire ecclesiastical parish, 952.

RUSHTON MARSH, within Rushton Spencer, is a hamlet, close to the road from Leek to Macclesfield.

RUSHTON JAMES is a township of Leek parish, 5 miles north-west from Leek, in the manor of Horton. In 1752, 9<sup>th</sup> December, Elizabeth Hulme, of Buglawton, left the yearly sum of £4 out of her messuage at Woodhouse Green to be distributed in clothing to six poor people on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Lt. Col. John Coutts Antrobus, of Eaton Hall, Congleton, is lord of the manor and principal landowner. The soil is loam; subsoil clay. The land is principally in pasture. The area is 1,383 acres of land and 7 of water; rateable value, £1,970; the population in 1891 was 242.

HEATON is a township in Leek parish and Rushton chapelry, 4½ miles north-west-by-north from Leek. The river Dane here separates this county from Cheshire. The poor of Heaton and Leek Frith have the interest of £200, bequeathed by Sarah Nicolls, Swythamley, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 1783, and directed to be given in woollen clothing on January 1<sup>st</sup> in each year by the owners for the time being of Swythamley Park and Grange. Swythamley, with the extensive manor of Heaton, was granted by Henry VIII. in 1540 to the Traffords: the Hall is a long and irregular stone building covered in ivy, in a deer park of 200 acres, overlooking

a large extent of fine wild scenery, and is now the property of Philip Lancaster Brocklehurst esq. J. P. for Stafford and Cheshire, whose Cheshire seat is Beech Hall, near Macclesfield. Philip Lancaster Brocklehurst is lord of the manor and principle landowner. From the Cloud (Cymro-Celtic, *clawdd*, a height), in the township of Rushton Spencer, which attains a height of 1,190 feet above the level of the sea, a very extensive view is obtained, including the towns of Leek, Congleton and Macclesfield, the Cheshire and Staffordshire hills, Beeston Castle and Delamere Forset. The soil is clay and sandstone; subsoil clay. The chief crops are oats, but the land is principally pasture. The acreage is 2,681 acres of land and 8 of water; rateable value, £3,174; the population in 1891 was 371.

POST OFFICE, Rushton Spencer – George Jeffereys, Postmaster. Letters received through Macclesfield, arrive at 7.33a.m.; dispatched at 6p.m. Postal orders are issued here, but not paid. Leek is the nearest money order & Bosley and Rudyard the nearest telegraph offices.

National School, Rushton Marsh, built by subscription in 1772 & enlarged in 1874 & 1894; there was formerly an endowment of £2 yearly arising from land, but the land has been made into a playground for the children of the school; for 170 children; average attendance 110; William Banks, master; Mrs. Julia Banks & Miss E. M. Matthews, assistant mistresses.

County Police, Joseph Hayward, constable, Marsh.

Railway Station, George Jeffereys, station master.

## RUSHTON SPENCER

[Marked thus † receive their letters through Congleton.]

Cooper Samuel, Rushton villa

†Dale Abner, Bridestones

Hall Peter, Lee house

Thomas Rev. Stephen B. A. [vicar]

## COMMERCIAL.

Bailey Nathan, farmer, Ditchway

Bebbington George, farmer, Cloud side

Belfield James, farmer, Smithy farm

Billing George, cowkeeper, Tofts green

†Boon Moses, farmer, Cloud side

†Boon William, farmer, Cloud side

†Bowler Thomas, farmer, Cloud side

Brown Chas, farmer, Woodhouse green

Buckley David, farmer, Lee house

Bull John, shopkeeper

Burnett George, farmer, Rushton bank

Cook John, manufacturing chemist

Dakin Charles, farmer, Rushton bank

Dakin George, farmer, Nether lee

Dale Abner, Railway inn

†Dale Abner, timber mer, Bridestones

Dale Abraham, farmer, Woodhouse grn

Dale William, shopkeeper, Sugar street

Fletcher John, farmer, Barnswood

Gibson James, farmer, Ryecroft gate

Goodwin Ann (Mrs.), farmer, Lymford

Hall & Proctor, farmers, Oulton

Harrison James, farmer, Lane end

†Hollinshead Henry, cowkeeper & sexton, Cloud side

Kent Emma (Miss), beer rewtailer

Lancaster Arthur, blacksmith

Lockitt John, farmer & miller (water & steam), Hall house

Lockitt John (Mrs.), farmer, High lee

†Mitchell Ann (Mrs.), farmer, New ho

†Mitchell Stephen, nail maker & farmer, Cloud side

Moss Herbert, farmer, Woodhouse grn

Moss William, Royal Oak P. H. & Farmer

Nixon George, farmer, Marsh side

Pickering Henry, shoe maker, Marsh

Pickford Isaac, Golden Lion P. H. & farmer

Pimblott Joseph, farmer, Lee

Pointon William Charles, farmer, Peck's House farm

Proctor Thos, farmer, see Hall & Proctor

Snelson Sarah Ann (Mrs.), Hanging Gate P. H.

Summer Simon Myatt, farmer, The High Ash

Torr Daniel, registrar of birth and deaths for Leek Frith sub-district, & assistant overseer,  
Sand bank

Torr Jsph, farmer & shoe ma, Pitt slacks

Vernon John, farmer, Raven's clough

†Warren William Gee, farmer, Cloudside

Williamson Richard, farmer

Yardley Hannah (Mrs.), farmer, Wall hill

## RUSHTON JAMES

### COMMERCIAL

Allen William, farmer, Ridding side

Armitt John, farmer, Marl sprink

Bailey Abraham, farmer, Wolf low

Bailey James, cowkeeper, Brown edge

Bailey Moses (Mrs.), whlwright, Wolf low

Bailey Nathan, farmer, Long Edge lane

Bailey Richard, cowkeeper, Brown edge

Bailey William, Fox P. H. & farmer

Barlow Thomas Henry, farmer, Earlsway

Boon Charles, farmer, Lower Newtown

Boon Charles, farmer, Newtown

Bossen Elizabeth (Miss), farmer, Lane end

Bostock James, farmer, Oxhay wood

Condlyffe Delves, cowkeeper, Blackwood hill

Condlyffe Thos (Mrs.), farmer, Hayes

Dakin Jason, farmer & blacksmith, Old Crown farm

Dale William, farmer, Ryecroft gate & Rushton hall

Eardley Enoch, farmer

Gibson James, farmer, Ashmor hay

Gibson Matthew, farmer, Fields' meadow

Goodwin James, farmer, Harpers

Harvey George, farmer, Ashmore house  
Knight Charles, farmer, Newtown  
Knight John, farmer, Newtown  
Knight Thomas, farmer, Woldale hay  
Mitchell Ann (Mrs.), frmr, New Ho. farm  
Mitchell Thomas, farmer, Rushton hall  
Naden Luke, farmer, Brook farm  
Pyatt Thomas, farmer, Blackwood hill  
Rogers William, farmer, Fould farm  
Shufflebotham James, cowkpr, Newtown  
Shufflebotham Jane (Mrs.), cowkeeper, Brown edge  
Shufflebotham Joseph, farmer, Lee  
Shufflebotham Josiah, cowkpr, Newtown  
Shufflebotham Matthew, farmer, High lee  
Shufflebotham Ralph, farmer, Lee side  
Stanway Thomas, farmer, Pyatts barn  
Teats William, farmer, Oxhay  
Warren John, farmer, Lane end  
Woodward John, farmer, Dinglebrook  
Wright John Patrick, Crown inn  
Yates Frederick, farmer, Woldale

## HEATON

Brocklehurst Philip Lancaster J. P. Swythamley park

Shufflebotham Jn. Plant, Heaton village

## COMMERCIAL.

Belfield Joseph, farmer, Back dane

Belfield Matthew, farmer, Hanging stone

Birch Joseph, paint manufacturer

Brassington Samuel & George Henry, farmers, Hollin hall

Bratt Cyril, wheelwright

Bratt Joseph, farmer, Bent head

Brocklehurst Thomas, farmer

Brocklehurst William, farmer, Hannel

Buxton Henry, farmer, Shaw farm

Dakin Charles, farmer, Over house

Dale Ellen (Miss), farmer

Dale Richard, cowkeeper, Moss cottage

Dean Samuel, farmer, Fir tree

Edwards Benjamin, farmer, Lodge farm

Earlam Edmund, blacksmith, Dain brdg

Goodfellow Ann (Mrs.), farmer, Intakes

Gould Joseph (Mrs.), farmer, Gun end

Heath Thomas, farmer, Hawks lee

Hulme William, farmer, Wormhill

Hunt Charles, farmer, Gig hall

Kirkham Joshua, farmer, Old Smithies

Maydew James, farmer, Hilly lees



Mellor William, farmer, Jaggars dane  
 Needham Thomas, farmer, Thompson  
 Nixon George, farmer, Tooth hill  
 Riley Samuel, farmer, The Paddocks  
 Rogers Joseph Smith, farmer, Rabbit burrow  
 Shaw John, farmer, Tithebarn gate  
 Shufflebotham Josh, farmer, Brandy lee  
 Steel Jeremiah, farmer, Redshaw  
 Stonier William, farmer  
 Swindells Jane (Mrs.), farmer  
 Swindells John, farmer, Clough house  
 Tomkinson Thomas, farmer, Heaton ho  
 Torr Samuel, farmer & coal merchant  
 Torr Wm. Chas, farmer, Beard Hall mill  
 Truman James, farmer, Heaton hall  
 Turner Charles, farmer, Fair burrow  
 Turnock Jas, wheelwright, Primrose hill  
 Turnock John, farmer, Wormhill  
 Warren George, farmer, Bent end  
 Williamson James, farmer, Haddon