

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 and 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, petty sessional division 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 "The Chapel in the Wilderness," on the 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, built originally almost wholly of timber, and consists of a chancel and nave, south porch and western belfry containing one bell; over the piers on the north side of the naïve is some dog-tooth carving in oak, dating from the time of Henry III, and probably unique; in 1898 the church was re-seated and re-floored at the cost of £250, and now affords 250 sittings. The registers date from 1700 only, the older ones having been lost or destroyed. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £226, including 66 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the vicar of Leek, and held since 1910, by the Rev. George Herbert Smith B. A. of St. John's College, Cambridge. 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 13th March, 1744; the rent is chiefly distributed in weekly doles of bread. The Rev. James Turner, incumbent of Meerbrook, on the 1st November, 1854, charged Spring Cottage,

Roachside, with £1 yearly for bibles and prayer books. The manor of Rushton Spencer, which formerly belonged to the De Spencer, Savage, and other families, now belongs to the freeholders. The principle landowners are Charles Dennis Bradwell Esq. Of Higher Daisy Bank, Congleton, and Charles Harwar Esq. Of Acomb House, York. The soil is light and sandy; subsoil stiff clay and sandstone. The land is principally in pasture. The area is 1,860 acres of land, inclusive of 8 of water; rateable value, £3,212; the population in 1901 of the civil parish was 315 and of the ecclesiastical parish (Rushton St. Lawrence) 903.

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

RUSHTON JAMES is a township in Leek parish, 5 miles north-west from Leek, in the manor of Horton. In 1725, 9th December, Elizabeth Hulme, of Buglawton, left the yearly sum of £4 out of her messuage at Woodhouse Green to be distributed clothing to six poor people on October 16th. Lt.-Col. John Coutts Antrobus, of Eaton Hall, Congleton, is lord of the manor and principle landowner. The soil is loam; subsoil clay. The land is principally in pasture. The area is 1,390 acres of land, inclusive of 6 acres of water; rateable value, £1,899; the population in 1901 was 229.

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. Here are Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist chapels. The poor of Heaton and Leek Frith have the interest of £200, bequeathed by Sarah Nicolls, Swythamley, 6th June, 1783, and directed to be given in woollen clothing on Jan. 1st in each year by the owners for the time being of Swythamley Park and Grange. The late Sir Philip L. Brocklehurst left the sum of £300, the interest to be expended in blankets and woollen clothing to be given away yearly and called "The Brocklehurst Dole." Swythamley with the extensive manor of Heaton, was granted by

Henry VIII. in 1540 to the Traffords; the mansion is a long and irregular stone building covered with ivy, in a deer park of 200 acres, overlooking a large extent of fine wild scenery, and is now the property and residence of Sir Philip Lee Brocklehurst bart. who is lord of the manor and principal landowner. Within the park grounds stands a church erected by Lady Brocklehurst as a memorial to her husband, the late Sir Philip Lancaster Brocklehurst, bart. who died in 1904. From the Cloud (Crymro-Celtic, "clawdd" a height), in the township of Rushton Spencer, which attains a height of 1,190 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 Forest. The soil is clay and sandstone; subsoil clay. The chief crops are oats, but the land is principally in pasture. The acreage is 2,689, inclusive of 8 of water; rateable value, £3,210; the population in 1901 was 359.

Post Office, Rushton Spencer. – George Jeffreys, sub-postmaster. Letters received through Macclesfield, arrive at 7.26 a.m.; dispatched at 6p.m. daily (Sundays excepted); there is n Sunday delivery of letters. Wincle is the nearest money order office & Rushton station is the nearest telegraph office, which is open on week days from 8 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Wall Letter Box, Heaton, cleared at 5.15 p.m. week days only.

Wall Letter Box, Lane End, Rushton James, cleared at 4.45 p.m. week days only.

PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Rushton Marsh, built by subscription in 1772 & enlarged in 1874, 1894 & 1906; 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 144 children; average attendance 104;

William Banks, master; Mrs. Julia Banks, mist.

Heaton, for 45 children; average attendance 34; Miss Sarah Amelia Clark, mistress.

County Police, George Taylor, constable, Rushton Marsh.

Railway Station, George Jeffreys, station master.

RUSHTON SPENCER.

(Marked thus † receive their letters through Congleton.)

Antrobus Crawford John

Fletcher Miss, Lee house

Smith Rev. George Herbert B. A. (vicar), Vicarage

COMMERCIAL.

Bailey John, wheelwright

Barlow Thomas Hy. farmer, Hall ho

Bettany Charles, cowkeeper, Ivy Dene

† Billing George, farmer, Tofts Green

Bowyer Charles, farmer

Bradbury James, farmer, Lee

† Brown Chas. cowkeeper, Cloud Side

† Brown Japheth, farmer, Cloud Side

Burnett Hannah (Mrs), farmer, Rushton Bank

Buxton Annie (Miss), beer retailer

Chappell Gilbert, farmer, Peck's ho

Collins George, cowkeeper, Nether Lee

Condlyffe John, farmer, Rushton Bank

Cook John, manufacturing chemist

Cottrill Jas. famer, Woodhouse Green

Dale Charles, farmer, Woodhouse Grn
 Edwardes Benj. farmer, Pitt Slacks
 Gibson George, farmer, Ditchway
 Gibson Jas. Arthr. Hanging Gate P. H.
 Goodfellow James, grocer & assistant overseer
 † Goodwin Nathan, farmer, Lymford
 Grange Frederick, blacksmith
 Grover Samuel Montague, Railway Inn
 Harrison James, farmer, Lane end
 † Heath William, farmer, Cloud ho
 Holland Adeline (Mrs.), blacksmith, & registrar of births & deaths for Leek Frith sub-
 district, Leek dist
 Jodrell Matthew, farmer
 † Lancaster Chas. Wm. frm. Cloud Side
 Lockitt John, miller (water & steam), High Lee
 Massey Thomas, farmer, Lee house
 † Mitchell Stephen, farmer, Cloud Side
 Mitchell Thomas, Golden Lion P. H.
 Moss Herbt. farmer, Woodhouse Grn
 Moss Wm. Royal Oak P. H.
 Nixon George, farmer, Marsh side
 Sumner John, farmer, The High Ash
 Sumner Thomas, farmer
 Teates Thomas, boot maker
 Torr Samuel, coal merchant
 Trueman William, farmer, Oulton

Vernon John, farmer, Raven's Clough

Yardley Enoch, farmer, Wall Hill

† Yoxall William, farmer, Cloud Side

RUSHTON JAMES.

COMMERCIAL.

Allen Emma (Mrs.), farmr. Riding side

Baddeley Henry, frmr. Newhouse frm

Baddely James, farmer, Earlsway ho

Bailey Arthr. farmer, Low. Brown Edge

Bailey Caroline J. (Mrs.), cowkeeper, Middle Brown Edge

Bailey Jas. cowkpr. Higher Brown Edge

Bailey Sarah (Mrs.), frmr. Wolf low

Bailey Thos. cowkeeper, Brown Edge

Bailey Vernon, farmer, Pyatt's Barn

Bailey William, Fox P. H.

Birtles James, farmer, Ashmoor Hay

† Boon Charles, farmer, Newtown

Bostock Mary Jane (Mrs.), farmer, Oxhay Wood

Condlyffe Arthr. frmr. Blackwood hill

Condlyffe Delves, cowkeeper, Lane end

Corbishley John, farmer, Marl Spring

Cotterill James, farmer, Brook farm

Dakin Fredk. farmer, Rushton Hall

Dale Arthur, farmer, Ryecroft Gate

Eardley John, frmr. Rushton New hall

Elkin Louisa (Mrs.), Crown inn
 Farrell John, farmer, Ashmore house
 Gibson Selina (Mrs.), farmer, Field's meadows
 Goodwin James, farmer, Harpers
 Harvey Spencer, farmer, Oxhay
 † Knight Charles, farmer, Newtown
 Knight Thos. farmer, Old Hill Hay
 † Mayer James. Farmer, Long Edge End
 Robinson Ralph, farmer, Lee side
 Scarratt George, farmer, Endon Hays
 Shufflebotham Matthw. frm. Lee ho
 † Shufflebotham Wm. cowkpr. Newtn.
 Shufflebotham Wm. farmer, High Lee
 † Smith & Heathcote, shpkprs, Newtwn
 Twigg James, farmer, Old Crown frm.
 Woodward Chas. farmer, Dinglebrook
 Woodward John, farmer, Hayes
 Wright John Patrick, frm. Lane End
 Yates Frederick, farmer, Woldale

HEATON.

Brocklehurst Sir Philip Lee bart. Swythamley Park
 Wagstaff Miss, Heaton village

COMMERCIAL.

Allen George, farmer, Shaw farm

Allen Henry, farmer, Jagger's lane

Bailey John, farmer, Brandy Lee

Bailey John Thos. cowkpr. Shawbank

Barber Sidney, farmer, Toft cottage

Belfield Joseph, farmer, Back dane

Belfield Matthew, farmer, The Paddocks

Birch Annie (Miss), paint manufacturer

Bolshaw John James, frmr. Heaton hall

Botham George, farmer, Fairboroughs

Brassington Samuel, farmer, Hollin hall

Bratt Cyril, wheelwright

Bratt Joseph, farmer, Bent head

Brunt Joseph, farmer, Hanging stone

Buckley Frank, farmer, Bent End

Clarke George, land steward to Sir P L Brocklehurst bart.

Cook Joseph, farmer, Tithe barn

Cotterill Saml. cowkpr. Broad Moss

Dale Arthur, farmer, Rabbit burrow

Dale Ernest, cowkeeper, The Isle

Dale Jn. Wm. cowkpr, Summer hill

Dale Richard, cowkeeper, Moss cottage

Eardley Levi, farmer

Eardley Sidney, frmr. Tithe Barn gate

Fernyhough John M. farmer, Heaton Lowe

Goodfellow Samuel, farmer, Intakes
 Goodwin Thomas, farmer, Gun end
 Hulme Albert, farmer, Wormhill
 Hunt Eliza (Mrs.), cowkpr, Gig hall
 Kirkham Joshua, farmer, Old Smithies
 Malkin Adam, cowkeeper, Pool hall
 Mellor William, farmer, Hannel
 Moss James, cowkpr, Heaton village
 Mountfort Thomas, farmr. Tooth hill
 Needham James, farmer, Overhouses
 Needham John, farmer, Thompson
 Proctor Henry, farmer, Fir tree
 Simpson Abel, farmer, Hakesley
 Skellern Joseph, cowkeeper, Ivy farm
 Steele George, farmer, Redshaw
 Steele Ralph, farmer, Heaton house
 Stonier Annie (Miss), farmer
 Swindells Kate (Mrs.), frmr. Clough ho
 Torr Joseph, farmer, Toft Hall
 Torr Wm. Chas. farmer, Beard Hall mill
 Tunncliffe Sml. blcksmth. Dane brdg
 Turnock Jas. wheelwright, Primrose hl
 Turnock John, farmer, Wormhill
 Wardle Henry, cowkeeper, Smithy frm
 Warren George, farmer, rate & tax collector & assistant overseer, Hilly lees
 Williamson Richard, farmer, Haddon