

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 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 chancel and nave, south porch and a 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 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 £190, 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 left by Alice Eardley and Mary Sydebotham, by will 13th March, 1744; and rent is chiefly distributed in weekly doles of bread. The Rev. James Turner, incumbent of Meerbrook, on the 1st November, 1854, charged Spring cottage,

Roche-side, 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 principal landowners are Charles Dennis Bradwell esq. of Higher Daisy Bank, Congleton; Charles Harwar esq. of Acomb House, York; Israel Bowson esq. of Park Lane, Macclesfield, and the trustees of the late Mrs. Ripley. 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; 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 of 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 in clothing to six poor people on October 16th. 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 1,390 acres of land, inclusive of 5 acres of water; 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. There a Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist chapels here. The poor of Heaton and Leek Frith have the interest of £200, bequeathed by Sarah Nicools, Swythamley, 16th 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. 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 with ivy, in a deer park of 200 acres, overlooking a large extent of fine wild scenery, and is now the property of Sir Philip Lancaster Brocklehurst bart. D. L. who is lord of the manor and principal land owner. 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 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; 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 6 p.m. daily (sundays excepted). Postal Orders are issued & paid. 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.

Public Elementary Schools.

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 Agnes Jenkins, assistant mistresses.

Heaton, for 45 children; average attendance, 40; Miss Sarah Amelia Clark, mistress.

County Police, David Dick, constable, Marsh

Railway Station, George Jeffreys, station master

RUSHTON SPENCER.

(Marked thus † receive their letters through Congleton.)

Allen James, Marsh villa

† Dale Abner, Bridestones

Thomas Rev. Stephen B.A. (vicar)

Trythall Charles, Lee house

Barlow Thomas Hy. farmer, Hall ho

COMMERCIAL

† Billing George, farmer, Tofts Green

† Boon Moses, farmer, Cloud side

† Boon William, farmer, Cloud side

† Bowler Fanny (Mrs.), Cowkeeper, Cloud side

† Bowler Thomas, farmer, Cloud house

Burnett George, farmer, Rushton bank

Buxton Henry, farmer, Smithy farm

Buxton Rebecca (Miss), beer retailer

Cook John, manufacturing chemist

Dakin Chas. (Mrs.), frmr. Rushton bnk

Dale Abner, Railway inn

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Dale Abraham, farmer, Woodhouse gn.

Dale William, shopkeeper, Sugar street

Gibson Hannah (Miss), farmer, Ryecroft gate

Gibson James Arthur, Hanging gate P.H. & cowkeeper

Goodfellow Edgar, farmer, Oulton

†Goodwin Ann (Mrs.), farmer, Lymford

Harrison James, farmer, Lane end

Holland Samuel, blacksmith

Hulme Amos, Golden Lion P.H. & frmr

Lockett George, farmer, High lee

Lockitt John, miller (water & steam), High lee

† Mason Thomas, farmer, Cloud side

Massey Thomas, farmer, Lee house

† Mitchell Ann (Mrs.), farmer, New ho

† Mitchell Stephen, nail maker & farmer, Cloud side

Moss Herbert, farmer, Woodhouse gn

Moss Thomas, farmer, Ditchway

Moss Wm. Royal Oak P.H. & farmer

Nixon George, farmer, Marsh side

Pimblott Joseph, farmer, Lee

Pointon William Charles, farmer, Peck's House farm

Pyatt James, farmer, Nether lee

Steele Ralph, farmer, Woodhouse green

Sumner John, farmer, The Hish Ash

Torr Jsph, farmer & shoe ma. Pitt slacks

Torr Danl. Registrar of births & deaths for Leek Frith sub-district & assistant overseer,

Sand bank

Vernon John, farmer, Raven's clough

† Warren William Gee, frmr, Cloudside

Williamson Richard, farmer

Yardley Hannah (Mrs.), frmr. Wall hill

RUSHTON JAMES.

Allcock Mrs. Lower Brown edge

COMMERCIAL

Allen Emma (Mrs.), farmr. Riding side

Baddeley Henry, farmer, Rushton hall

Baddeley James, farmer, Earlsway ho

Bailey Caroline (Mrs.), cowkeeper, Middle Brown edge

Bailey Jas. cowkeeper, Higher Brown edge

Bailey Sarah (Mrs.), frmr. Wolf low

Bailey Thomas, cowkeeper, Brown edge

Bailey William, Fox P.H. & farmer

Boon Charles, farmer, Lower Newtown

† Boon Joseph, cowkeeper, Newtown

Bostock James, farmer, Oxhay wood

Condlyffe Delves, cowkeeper, Lane end

Corbishley John, farmer, Gate farm

Dale William (Mrs.), farmer, Ryecroft gate

Eardley James, farmer, Hayes

Eardley John, frmr. Rushton New Hall

Elkin Ann (Mrs.), Crown inn

Farrell John, farmer, Ashmore house

Gibson James, farmer, Ashmoor hay

Gibson Matthew, farmer, Fields meadows

Goodwin James, farmer, Harpers

Kirk Henry, farmer, Old Crown farm

Knight Albert, farmer, Blackwood hl

Knight Charles, farmer, Newtown
 Knight Thomas, farmer, Old Hill hay
 Mayer James, farmer, Newtown
 Naden Thomas, farmer, Long Edge end
 Pyatt Thomas, farmer, Blackwood hill
 Scarratt George, farmer, Endon hays
 Shufflebotham Jas. cowkeeper, Newtown
 Shufflebotham Matthew, farmer, High lee
 Shufflebotham Ralph, farmer, Lee side
 Staley William, farmer, Brook farm
 Stanway Thomas, farmer, Pyatts barn
 Teates William, farmer, Oxhay
 Woodward John, farmer, Dinglebrook
 Wright John Patrick, farmer, Lane end
 Yates Frederick, farmer, Woldale

HEATON.

Brocklehurst Sir Philip Lancaster bart. D.L. J.P. Swythamley Park
 Wagstaff Miss, Heaton village

COMMERCIAL.

Allan Henry, farmer, Jagersdane
 Allen George, farmer, Shaw farm
 Arnett James, farmer, Tooth hill
 Belfield Joseph, farmer, Back dane
 Belfield Matthew, frmr. Hanging stone
 Bellfield Matthew, farmer, The Padocks

Birch Annie (Miss), paint manufacturer
 Bolshaw John James, frmr. Heaton hall
 Brassington Samuel, farmer, Hollin hall
 Bratt Cyril, wheelwright
 Bratt Joseph, farmer, Bent head
 Brocklehurst Thomas, farmer
 Cook Joseph, farmer, Tithe barn
 Dakin Charles, farmer, Fir tree
 Dale Richard, cowkeeper, Moss cottage
 Dean Samuel, farmer, Pool hall
 Dean Samuel, farmer, Robinson's cres
 Edwards Benj. frmr. Heaton Lodge farm
 Goodfellow Amy (Mrs.), farmer, Intakes
 Goodwin Thomas, farmer, Gun end
 Hibbert Mary (Miss), farmer, Rabbit burrow
 Hine George, farmer, Brandy lee
 Hulme William, farmer, Wormhill
 Hunt Charles, farmer, Gig hall
 Kirkham Joshua, farmer, Old Smithies
 Mellor William, farmer, Hannel
 Mitchell Thomas, farmer, Toft cottage
 Needham Thomas, farmer, Thompson
 Simpson Abel, farmer, Hawk's lee
 Steel George, farmer, Redshaw
 Stonier John & Annie (Miss), farmers
 Swindells Kate (Mrs.), frmr, Clough ho

Swindells Mary (Miss), farmer

Tomkinson Alice (Miss), farmer, Heaton house

Torr Samuel, farmer & coal merchant

Torr Wm. Chas. farmer, Beard Hall mill

Tunncliffe Samuel, farmer & blacksmith, Dain bridge

Turnock John, farmer, Wormhill

Wardle Henry, farmer, Smithy farm

Warren George, farmer, Bent end

Warren George, jun. Farmer, rate & tax collector & assistant overseer, Hilly lees

Williamson Jas. (Mrs.), frmr. Haddon

Williamson Richd. frmr. Tithe barn gt