

Eastgate George, farmer
Flint Samuel, farmer

Roe George, carrier
Roe Henry, farmer

RAILWAY—M. R. Station; William
Elston, stationmaster

SWINESHEAD is a small market town, consisting chiefly of one long street on the Sleaford and Holbeach Road, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile S. of Swineshead Railway Station, $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles S.W. by W. of Boston, and on the south side of Hammond Beck and Holland Fen, in the heart of a rich grazing and farming country. Its parish is in Boston union and county court district, Parts of Holland, Kirton wapentake, Swineshead polling district of South Lincolnshire, and North Holland rural deanery of Lincoln archdeaconery; it comprises many scattered hamlets and farmhouses, 1743 inhabitants, and 6747 acres of land, including a large allotment

of Holland Fen, forming Chapel Hill chapelry, and lying near the Black Sluice, about 12 miles N. of the town. The gross estimated rental is £13,931 17s. 6d., and the rateable value £12,521 5s. 10d. Mrs. Ingram is lady of the Abbey Manor, and Trinity College, Cambridge, owns the rectory, about 677 acres, held by several lessees. The population of the township itself in 1881 was 1626. The Tennant, Ingall, Hallam, Brown, Jackson, Cooper, and other families, have freehold estates in the parish. The Market, held every Thursday, was of considerable importance to the middle of the seventeenth century, when the Corporation of Boston used means for its suppression. It may now be considered obsolete, except that some of the neighbouring farmers assemble in the evening at one of the inns for business. Here is still a fair held on October 2. Though now more than seven miles from the great Wash, the tides formerly came up to the town, and there was a haven near the market place, crossed by a bridge, which was taken down about the year 1796, when the channel was choked up. In 1134 an Abbey of Cistercian monks was founded nearly a mile E. of the town, by Robert de Greslei. Henry II. confirmed by charter to the monks of Swineshead, 'all their lands and possessions there and at Cotgreve, Casterton, &c., with the mills of Burtoft, Sudwell, Mainster, Caldecot and Casterton, with all their estates, given them by what benefactor soever.' At the Dissolution the yearly revenue of this monastery is stated by Leland to have been about £80, but Dugdale estimates it at £167 15s. 3d., and Speed at £175 19s. 10d. Its site was granted in the fifth of Edward VI. to Edward Lord Clinton, and the lands were granted by Henry VIII. to Harold Rossel, for the sum of £684 16s. 8d., and Harold had a license to pass to George Pierpoint, Esq., and Elizabeth his wife. The present Abbey house, now occupied by a farmer, was built out of the ruins about two centuries ago by one of the Lockton family. It was long a seat of the Calthrop family, but was purchased about 1855 by the late Herbert Ingram, Esq., M.P. King John, after crossing the Wash on his road to Sleaford, rested at this abbey, and is said to have been poisoned by one of the monks. Many valuable coins and tokens have been dug up near the abbey; one of them inscribed, 'John Bando, merchant, Swineshead.' Some Roman pottery was found in the Forty-foot Drain, near the High Bridge, in 1850, and about five years later a beautiful gold ring was found in another part of the parish. About a quarter of a mile to the north-west, at the head of the old River Haff, where the fen-waters originally entered, there was a Danish encampment, called the 'Man-War-ings,' and forming a circle of 60 yards in diameter, surrounded by a double fosse. The workmen employed in sinking a well near the abbey, in 1825, found several skeletons, one of which measured 6 feet 4 inches. The steps and part of the shaft of an ancient cross are still standing in the Market Place, and there are also the remains of another stone cross about a quarter of a mile from the church. SWINESHEAD CHURCH (St. Mary) is a handsome stone building, consisting of nave, aisles, chancel, south porch, vestry, and a massive embattled tower containing eight bells, from which springs a spire, at the base of which is an octangular storey. The south porch, the interior of which is richly ornamented with carved work, the south aisle, and the clerestory, with its six lights and embattled parapet on either side, are, together with the tower, good examples of the Decorated period; but the outer wall of the north aisle is of Perpendicular character. The late chancel was replaced by the present large one in 1847, at a cost of about £2000, defrayed by the Masters and Fellows of Trinity College, Cambridge, who are improprators of the rectory and patrons of the vicarage. The aisles are separated from the nave by arcades of six bays, supported by tall clustered pillars, which, with the clerestory and high roof, give to the interior of this church an imposing and lofty appearance. In 1868-9 the floor of the nave was lowered and relaid with Ancaster stone, the pews replaced by open oak benches, the organ gallery removed, the tower arch opened out, and the church thoroughly restored. A new lectern was presented by Colonel Moore, a new organ and carved oak pulpit, &c., by W. D. Reddish, Esq., altar and credence tables by the vicar, and a handsome altar-cloth by the ladies of the parish. The total outlay was £2000, subscribed by the landowners and residents. In 1878 the porch and south aisle were rebuilt at a cost of £700. There are several beautiful stained glass memorial windows, by Clayton & Bell, of London. All the seats are free and unappropriated. In the vestry are some remains of a fine alabaster monument, now broken up and partially removed. It commemorated Sir John Lockton, formerly resident in this parish, who was possessor of the old abbey lands, and bears a long inscription with the date 1628. The curfew bell is still rung in the parish at eight o'clock in the evening. Register dates from 1639. The vicarage, valued in K.B. at £14 9s., and now at £270, is in the incumbency of the Rev. Joseph Holmes, M.A., who has a vicarage house, built in 1851, and 60 acres of glebe. The Baptists, Wesleyans and Free Methodists have each a chapel in the town. By will in 1711, and codicil in 1718, Thomas Cowley, of the Wykes, bequeathed his land and tenements in Swineshead for the education of poor children and the relief of poor parishioners. With an allotment made at the enclosure, this charity now produces £186 per annum, from which the sum of £90 is paid for educational purposes, and the remainder is laid out annually in purchasing coal for the poor. Until 1825 there was no school building belonging to Cowley's charity; but in that year the trustees purchased a piece of land upon which they erected the present school. The parish has, for the repairs of its causeways, lands and buildings let for £76 9s. per annum, bequeathed in 1570 by John Butler. The poor parishioners have distributed among them about £265 per annum, arising from lands and buildings, in the following proportions, viz., £127 from land, &c., left by Henry Pridgeon, in 1661, and William Whiting, in 1727; £15, Thomas Dickinson, in 1674; £64, William Heart, in 1699; £32, John Dickinson, in 1719; and £31 5s. from Fen Allotments. The two Dickinsons left four acres to the vicar. Gas works were established here in 1857, and now belong to Mr. John Brown Jessop. Here are courts of Foresters, and other provident societies.

GURRY HILLS and FORTY-FOOT BRIDGE, formerly extra-parochial, are now a parish, about a quarter of a mile from Swineshead Railway Station, on the Boston, Sleaford and Grantham branch of the Great Northern Railway, comprising 52 inhabitants and one farm of about 170 acres of fertile land, owned and occupied by Mr. Richard Ingall.

RAKES and ROYALTY FARMS, formerly extra-parochial, are now parishes for the purposes of Act 20, Vic., c. 19; the former half a mile from Swineshead Railway Station, comprises 100 acres, and the latter $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Boston, contains 120 acres, and both are owned and occupied by Mr. John Cooper, of Swineshead House. The population in these two new parishes was 11 in 1871.

The POST, MONEY ORDER, and TELEGRAPH OFFICE and SAVINGS BANK is at Mr. Wm. Eayr's. Letters arrive 7.15 a.m. daily, and are despatched at 6.0 p.m. on week days, and 5.10 p.m. on Sunday, via Spalding. Money Order and Savings Bank business is transacted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Telegraph Office is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on week days, and from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Sunday.

N.B.—For Fenhouses and Hoffleet see also Wigtoft.

Those marked 1 are at Baythorpe, 2 Black Jack, 3 Drayton, 4 Fenhouses, 5 North End, 6 South Forty-foot Bridge 7 Tarry Hill, and the rest at Swineshead, or where specified.

Allen George, baker and flour seller	Craven Thomas, farmer; h Bickers	Hides Mr Richard
1 Allen Mrs Mary Elizabeth	5 Cuthbert Robert, cottager	Hine Wm. Conway, surgeon, M.R.C.S.
1 Alliwel John, cottager	6 Dalton Cornelius, beerhouse and farmer	L.S.A. dist. medical officer of Boston Union, and registrar of births and deaths
2 Armstrong Carby, farmer	Davison Francis, cottager, Stenning lane	Holland Harry, hairdresser & grinder
2 Armstrong Mr. Thomas	Dawson Henry, ironmonger, tinsplate worker and sexton	Holland William, cottager & carrier, Boston road
Armstrong William, saddle & harness maker	3 Dean John, cottager	Holmes Rev. Joseph, M.A. vicar, The Vicarage
5 Aspland Mr Joseph	6 Dickinson Eli, baker and flour seller	5 Horner Edmund Burges, grazier
3 Atkin William, farmer	5 Dohney William S. land surveyor	3 Horry William, farmer
Bacon Jonathan, cottager	7 Dodd John, joiner & wheelwright	3 Horton Miss Elizabeth, cottager
Bacon Mr Robert	Dods William, coal merchant, Railway Station; h Donington	Huskinson Mrs Nanny, cottager, Langmore
Bagg William Durston, farmer, Bar-bridge farm	Dowse William, farmer, Asperton rd	Huskinson Wm. castrator, Hoffleet
Barnett Samuel, watchmaker and jeweller, Market place	5 Dring Richard, cottager	Ingall Richard, farmer and grazier, Gibbet hills
2 Busker John, farmer	Eayrs William, grocer, draper, dealer in wines & postmaster, Market pl	Jackson Abraham, farmer, grazier and landowner, Crossgate house, and Bicker
Bates George, farmer, Stump cross	Edwin-Cole James, barrister-at-law, Swineshead hall; and <i>St. Stephen's Club, Westminster</i>	Jessop John B. proprietor of Swineshead Gasworks, butcher, cattle dlr, and wool buyer, Market place
Bell John, licensed hawkler	Elkington Robert, farmer, Burtoft	3 Johnson Henry, miller and baker
Bett George, farmer and grazier, The Abbey	Ellwood Mr John	Johnson Thomas, private day school, and land surveyor, agent to Queen Fire and Life Insurance Co
4 Bird Walter, foreman gardener	Faulkner William, farmer, Crossgates	Kempston William, police constable
Bird William, farmer and pig dealer, Bar bridge	Faulkner William, beerhouse	5 Key Timothy, carter
Blancher Miss Mary, Stump cross	Favell Thomas, grocer and bootmaker	Key William, farmer, Golden grove
Booth George, farmer	Favell Joseph, saddler and harness maker	Kitching Wm. Henry, miller, baker, corn chandler and farmer
Bowser Joseph, farmer, Broad end; h Frithville	5 Flower Edward, farmer	Knight William, farmer & bootmaker; (h) Market place
3 Bradley Pearce, cottager, fish-monger; h Grantham	Fossitt Charles Raby, farmer, Marsh	Lister William, farmer, School lane
Bramley & Groom, brewers, Wheat Sheaf Brewery	7 Franks John, builder & contractor	7 Litherland Isaiah, market gardener; h <i>Sale, Cheshire</i>
Bramley John (B. & Groom); h 172 High street, Lincoln	Garner Samuel, farmer, Asperton	Little Herbert, farmer, Brand end
5 Brighton Thomas, carpenter and wheelwright	4 Gash William, farmer	Lynn Dickinson, farmer, brewer and victualler, Green Dragon, Market place
4 Brown John Harrison, brick & tile manufacturer, farmer & landowner, and market gardener	5 Glassup Geo. farmer, North lodge	6 Marston John Taylor, farmer, and (h) Quarrington
Brown John Watson, farmer, Stump Cross lane	Grayson Chas. chemist & druggist	Mason William, blacksmith
Brown Richard, farmer & vict. Swan	5 Greetham Mrs Ann	3 Mawby John Joseph, farmer
7 Brown William, farmer	Greetham Edward, grocer & draper, agent for Gilbey's wines & spirits, newsagent, and agent to Royal Fire and Life Insurance Co	Morris William, joiner and builder
7 Buffham Robt. vict. King's Head	Greetham Joseph, farmer, Fen, and Kirton Fen	Mowbray Henry, wheelwright
Burden Wm. drilling machine owner	3 Groom Wm. brewer (Bramley & G.), miller at Wyberton, farmer and grazier; (h) Drayton house	5 Myers James, grocer, bootmaker & market gardener
6 Butler William, butcher and victualler, Railway Hotel	Hall James, farmer and thrashing machine owner	6 Newton Jarvis B. joiner and wheelwright, Gibbet hills, and (h) Heckington
5 Carrott John, blacksmith & beorhs.	Hall William, victualler, Bull Inn	7 Newton Thomas, tailor
3 Chevin James, farmer	Hallam Henry, farmer, Fen	Noble Mrs Mary Sophia, boarding and day school
Clark William, miller (Thorold & C.)	5 Hare George, bootmaker	3 Norton George, cottager
Coats George, farmer, Parks farm	Harrison John Jenkin, farmer and highway surveyor	Nundy James, farmer, Boston road
Cole George, farmer, Rush farm	Harrison Richard, farmer, grazier and landowner, Cromwell house	3 Nutsey William, cottager
Cole John Charles, cottager, School lane	6 Harris Wm. Pickles, grocer, draper, blacksmith and coal dealer	
Collins Jesse, farmer, Marsh	5 Hercock John, cottager	
Cook Samuel, farmer and carrier	Hides John Casswell, farmer, West Low grounds	
Cooper John, farmer and grazier, Swineshead house		
Cox Benjamin, farmer, School lane		
5 Craven Christopher, farmer		

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| <p>Osgerby James, blacksmith and wheelwright
 6 Patchett Robert, signalman
 Payne Thos, plumber, glazier, painter and paperhanger, and Mrs Caroline, hosier and haberdasher
 7 Petchell Daniel, cottager
 Pickersgill John, potato merchant, Stump cross
 4 Porter John, farmer
 2 Proctor — farmer; h Wykeham
 3 Randall Robert, cottager
 5 Rawlinson George William, butcher and victualler, Golden cross
 1 Rawlinson John William, beerhouse and pig dealer
 1 Rawlinson Thomas, farmer and potato merchant
 Rayson John, bootmaker
 Rayson William, farmer, Asperton road, and (h) Wigtoft
 Reast John, wheelwright
 Redman Charles, tailor
 Redmile George, farmer, Holt hill
 Reynolds Thomas, cottager, Boston rd
 Rickett William, farmer, Hardwick house, Boston road
 Robinson Mrs Eliza
 Robinson John, farmer, Dales
 3 Robinson John, cottager
 Robinson John, jun. cottager
 2 Rogers Robert, farmer</p> | <p>Rowe Edward, farmer, Holt hills, West Low grounds, and (h) Great Hale
 4 Sellars Newton, farmer
 Shakelton Philip, marine store dealer
 Sharpe John, farmer, grazier and landowner, Hoffleet
 5 Shaw George, grocer, draper and licensed hawkler
 Shaw Robert, farmer, Stenning farm
 Shaw Robert Delanoy Cooke, farmer and grazier, The Ivy
 Shiells Robert, Inland Revenue officer
 Skill Mrs Jane
 5 Sleight John William, cottager
 1 Smith George, farmer, wool buyer and cattle dealer
 Smith Robert, cottager, Stenning
 Smith William, farmer, Marsh
 Sparrow W. & J. (W. & Jno.) farmers, West Low grounds
 Stevenson Henry, beerhouse
 4 Stevenson Thomas, farmer
 5 Stublely Edward, jobbing gardener
 2 Stublely Thomas, farmer
 7 Swineshead Gas Light and Coke Works: John B. Jessop, proprietor
 5 Tebb Thomas, farmer
 Thorold & Clark, millers & farmers
 Thorold Thomas (T. & Clark)
 Thorpe John, farmer, School lane
 Tomlinson Geo. brewer and victualler, Griffin</p> | <p>5 Trafford Edward, cottager
 6 Tuckerman George, G.N.R. station-master
 7 Tuxford Peter J. plumber, glazier, painter, paperhanger and farmer
 3 Tye George Kirk, cottager
 Tyler William, monumental mason, builder and contractor, agent to United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution
 Ulliatt Smyth, farmer, Fen
 Walton Wm. wheelwright, Hoffleet
 4 Ward Mrs Mary, farmer
 Willerton William, master mariner
 5 Wilson Ebenezer, farmer and seedsman
 5 Wilson Mrs Susannah
 3 Woods Mrs Eliz. market gardener
 Woods John, farmer, Crossgates
 7 Woods Robert, farmer
 Wright John, butcher
 Wright Robert, grocer
 Wright Thomas, tailor</p> <p>RAILWAY—Grantham, Sleaford and Boston branch of G.N.R.; George Tuckerman, stationmaster.</p> <p>CARRIERS—Saml. Cook to <i>Boston</i> Wed. & Sat. and to <i>Sleaford</i> on Monday; Wm. Holland to <i>Boston</i>, Wednesday and Saturday.</p> |
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