

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, enclosed by Act of Parliament in 1797, is a pleasant parish and village, in the Mid division of the county, parts of Lindsey, wapentake of Well, Gainsborough petty sessional division, union and county court district, rural deanery of Lawress No. 2, archdeaconry of Stow, and diocese of Lincoln, 148 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles from London, 6 south-east from Gainsborough, and 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ south-east from Lea railway station on the Great Northern loop line, which joins the main line at Doncaster and Peterborough. The river Till flows through the parish. The church of St. Helen is an ancient stone building, having an undivided interior, with a small gallery at the west end, south entrance porch, and a square tower with 8 pinnacles and 3 bells: the body of the church dates from the eleventh century, and the tower from the fourteenth: the inside of the edifice has a very ancient appearance: the carved benches are of oak, and will seat 350 people: the chancel has a quaint illuminated reredos of wood, dating from the time of James I., and there is an old Saxon font: there are mural monuments to the Peel, Dymoke-Wells, and the Hawke families. The register dates from 1562. The living is a rectory, with the vicarage of Coates annexed, joint yearly

Airey Rev. Thomas Cowper, B.A. [curate]

Reynard Rev. William, M.A. [rector], Rectory

Sutton Frederick

COMMERCIAL.

Barratt Samuel Horner, farmer & grazier

Bilton John, boot & shoe maker

Bingham George, farmer & landowner

Butler Harriet (Mrs.), farmer

Cook Robert, farmer & grazier

Dunderdale William, boot & shoe maker

Footitt Catherine (Mrs.), butcher

Glover Joseph, farmer & landowner

Golding Edward, manager to John

Mettham, farmer

Gray Steels, boot & shoe ma. & farmer

Hall William, grocer & woollen draper

Harwood Brown, blacksmith

Harwood John, farmer

Harwood William, farmer

Herring John, landowner

Herring William, farmer

Hill Joseph, bricklayer

Hind George Dawson, *Fox & Hounds*,

& farmer & miller

Hooton William, bricklayer

Marriott Thomas, farmer

Marriott William, farmer, Sandy bush

Marshall John William, shoe maker

Naylor Joseph, provision dealer, grocer

& baker

Needham Charles, farmer

Parker George, jun. grocer & shop-

keeper

value £402, with residence, in the gift of Mrs. C. A. Reynard, and held by the Rev. William Reynard, M.A., of Durham University. The Wesleyans have a chapel here. A School Board was formed here in March, 1876, composed of five members: the existing school, a small brick building standing on waste land, the property of William Hutton, esq., having been presented to the Board by him, will be enlarged. William Hutton, esq., is lord of the manor. The principal landowners are Dr. Hopkinson Booth, George Bingham, John Wood Andrews, John Herring, the Rev. William Reynard, M.A., J. Macqueen, Q.C., John Harwood, and there are a number of small holders. The soil is various, producing excellent general grain crops; subsoil, clay and sand. The area is 2,203 acres; rateable value, £2,954; and the population in 1871 was 517.

Parish Clerk, Samuel Grundy.

Letters received through Gainsborough, which is the nearest money order office. There is a WALL LETTER BOX, cleared at 3.30 p.m. on week days only

CARRIER.—John Torn, to Gainsborough, tuesday; & to Lincoln, friday

Parker George, sen. wine & spirit merchant, landowner & brewer

Petch Joseph, farmer

Roberts George, farmer & grazier

Roberts John & Son, farmers

Roberts Jas. wheelwright & carpenter

Sutton Frederick, M.R.C.S., L.S.A. Surgeon, & registrar of births & deaths for Willingham district

Steels Joseph, farmer

Talbot John, farmer

Taylor & Sons, farmers & graziers

Taylor Stephen, farmer & landowner

Torn John Sicer, farmer & carrier

Torn Robert, beer retailer

Whittington James, grocer, shopkeeper & farmer

Wright George, blacksmith