

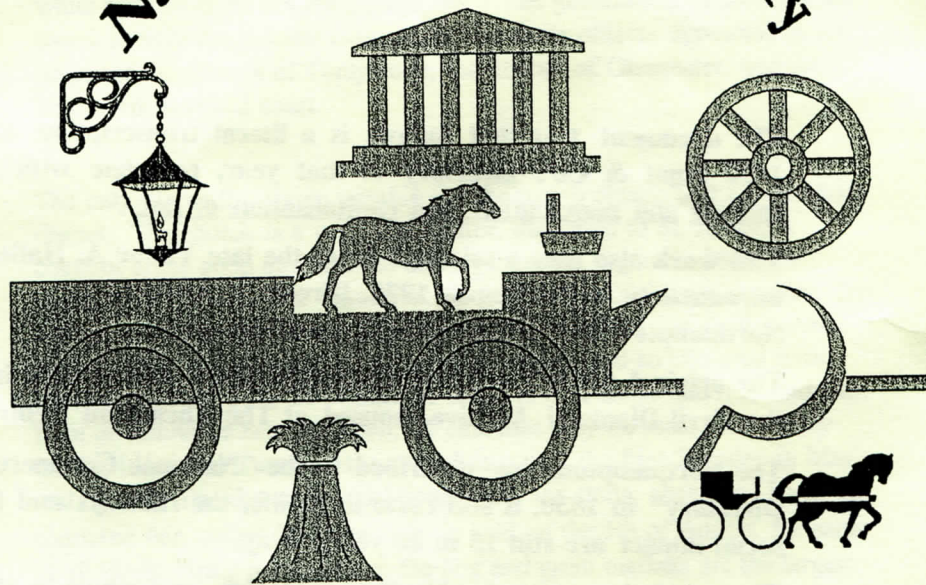
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Introduction

The document text that follows is a literal transcription of the 1830 Pigot & Co's directory of that year, complete with their spelling and punctuation and capitalisation or not.

This work also uses a selection from the late Victor A. Hatley's introduction to the March 1975, Directory reprint by Northamptonshire Libraries. (Copyright acknowledged).

The original printed copy of the documentary source used is in the Cyril Diamond Archive, housed at The Thrapston Centre.

The Northamptonshire described in the "National Commercial Directory" in 1830, is still rural in its life, the railways and their social impact are still 15 to 20 years away.

The population given for Northamptonshire as a whole in 1830, is 162,483, compared with 550,000+ today!

Thrapstone,

with the village of Islip and Neighbourhoods

'from James Pigot & Co's Northamptonshire Directory of 1830'

Thrapstone is a small market town and parish, in the hundred of Navisford; 73 miles from London, 20 from Northampton, 19 from Peterborough, 17 from Huntingdon, 12 from Kimbolton and 8 from Higham Ferrers and Oundle. It is a neat and regularly built town, delightfully situated in a salubrious valley fertilized by the river Nen, over which is a fine stone bridge; upon the river, which is navigable to Lynn, the inhabitants carry on a trade in exporting grain, and importing groceries, timber, coals &c*5. There are no manufactures of consequence belonging to this town; the articles made are whips and thread lace; and on the Nen is a mill for paper, and others for grinding corn. There are some stone-quarries in the neighbourhood, which also abound with a beautiful white sand used for domestic purposes. The government of the town and parish is with the resident magistrate, and some officers appointed at the courts of the manors of Thrapstone, the honour of Gloucester, and the Navisford hundred court.

The only places for divine worship are the parish church and a methodist chapel. The church is a very neat edifice, dedicated to St, James; it contains some good monuments, and an excellent organ: in 1810 the church was repaired and beautified, at the expense of the parishioners. The country around Thrapstone is in a fine state of cultivation, well watered with springs, and enriched with beautiful woods; and so clustered with villages, that there are 20 within the circle of four miles-and it is said that, from an eminence near the town, 32 churches may be seen. The weekly market is held on Tuesday; the annual fairs are, the first Tuesday in May, and the first Tuesday after old Michaelmas, for cattle, sheep and hogs; the chartered fair, called St. James fair, is held on the 5th of August, for cattle of all kinds, hiring harvest-men; the hog and grain markets are the largest in this part of the county. The parish contained by the last returns, 854 inhabitants; and the village and parish of Islip, (about a mile from Thrapstone) 551.

Post Office Huntingdon street, Thrapstone.-Elizabeth Lever, *Post Mistress*. Letters from London arrive every morning at nine, and are despatched every afternoon at five. - Letters from the North arrive every morning at a quarter past eight, and are despatched every afternoon at half past three.

Nobility, Gentry and Clergy.

Arbuthnot Chs. esq. Woodford Ldge. Dore Wm. Sudborough house. Dorset His Grace the Duke of, Drayton house. Fowler Mrs, Market place. Greenwood Rev. William, High st. Hirst Thomas, gent. Oundle road. Hunt Wm. gent. Huntingdon st. Maydwell Rev. William Lockwood, Huntingdon street. Powys the Honble. & Rev. Frederick, Thorpe A-Church. Powys the Honble, and Rev. Lyttleton, Titchmarsh. Robinson Sir Geo. bart. Cranford. Rolls Rev. Henry, Aldwinkle.Vane Rev. Robt. Morgan, LowickWilliamson Rev. William, Islip. Yorke John, esq. Huntingdon st. Yorke Wm. esq. Huntingdon st.

Academies and Schools.

Buswell Sarah, Bridge st. Coales Maria, High st. Litchfield Joseph, Titchmarsh lane*1. Montague Mary, Chancery lane.

Attorneys

Archbould John, Chancery lane. Lewin Robert Morton, Cottage.

Bakers & Flour Dealers

Leverett Samuel, High st. Moseley James, High st.

Bankers

Eaton and Eland, Market place (draw on Masterman and Co. London.)
Yorke Daniel James and Charles Frederick, Market place (draw on Williams, Deacon and Co. London)

Blacksmiths

Bradshaw John, Titchmarsh lane*1. Dudley Williams, Bridge st. Sanderson Moore, Huntingdon st.

Booksellers & Stationers

Buswell Sarah, Bridge st. Collier Henry, Market place

Boot and Shoe Makers

Duxbury Henry, Market place. Dyson Thomas, Bridge st. King Job, High st.

Brewers

Tebbutt Jonas & Co. (ale & porter) *Sudbury* - Joseph Dicks, High Street, agent

Butchers

Brown John, High st. Eaton William, High st. Moore and Abbott, High st.
Townley Samuel, High st.

Cabinet Makers & Joiners

Buck John, High st. Dicks Joseph, High st. Hensman William, Huntingdon st.

Chymists & Druggists.

Atlee Thomas, Market place. Collier Henry, Market place.

Fire & Office Agents

County, Geo Barber, Market pl. Norwich Union, Thomas Rippin, High street
Phoenix, Richard Sanderson, Market place. Suffolk, James Collis, Market pl.

Grocers and Tea Dealers. Marked thus * are also tallow chandlers*²

Mason Jonah, Bridge st. *Rippin Thomas, High st. Robinson George, Market pl.
*Sanderson Richard (and stamp distributer) Market place. *Ward Robert,
Market place.

Inns (see also Taverns & Public Houses)

George. Jas. Mercer, Market place. White Hart (and posting house) Joseph
Emery, Market place.

Ironmongers

Robinson George, Market place. Ward Robert, Market place

Linen & Woolen Drapers

Eland George, Market place. Fentiman Edward, High st. Hodson Edward,
Bridge st. Mason Jonah, Bridge st.

Maltsters

Roe William, Chancery lane. Smith and Tibbits, Bridge st.

Merchants (see also Wine & Spirit Merchants)

Wilson Ralph, Islip. Yorke James and Son, Wharf*³

Millers

Compton Jos. Thrapston Mill. Hill William, Islip Mill. Newton William Lowick

Milliners & Dressmakers

Brown Mary, High st. Dicks Sophia, High st. Hodson Jane, Bridge st

Painters, Plunbers and Glaziers

Marshall William C. (and china, glass &c*5. dealer) Market place. Roe William, Chancery Lane.

Paper Makers

Bull Sarah, Ringstead Mills. Fernelly James, Woodford Mills.

Perfumers and Hair Dressers

Bass Charles, Market place. Sharp Thomas, Market place. Triston Charles, High st.

Saddlers and Harness Makers

Lord William, Market place. Sanderson John, Market place.

Stone & Marble Masons.

Cole James, (and builder) Bridge st. Horn Charles, Titchmarsh lane*1

Straw Hat Makers

Beale Maria, High st. Griffin Mary, High st. Story Elizabeth, Bridge st.

Surgeons

Leete Henry, Market place. Montagu Chs. Wm. CHancery lane. William Hugh, Bridge st.

Tailors

Campion Wm. (and draper) Bridge st. Eayres Joseph, Market place. Page William High st.

Taverns & Public Houses.

Fox, Christpher Wright, High st. King's Arms John Sanderson, Market pl. King's Head, John Dines, Bridge st. Mason's Arms, William Hensman, Huntingdon st. Red Lion, William Brown, High st. Swan, William Smith, Bridge st. Woolpack, Thomas Dartnell, Islip.

Tea Dealers.

Eayres Joseph, Market place. Eland George, Market place, Griffin Mary, High st. Hodson Edward, Bridge st.

Watch & Clockmakers

Dicks William, Bridge st. Garratt William, Titchmarsh lane*1.

Wheelwrights

Allistree Thomas, Huntingdon st. Ward William, Huntingdon st.

Wine & Spirit Merchants

Wilson Ralph, Islip. Yorke James & Son, Wharf.*³

Miscellaneous

Abbey Thomas Edward, gunsmith & cutler, Titchmarsh lane.*¹ Bulmer John cooper, Market place. Bulmer Mary, confectioner, Market place. Cooper Thomas, currier*⁴, Bridge st. Griffin William, patten maker*⁶, High st. Hankins Lazarus, seedsman, Huntingdon st. Roe William, corn factor, Chancery Lane. Smith Edward, brazier & C*⁵ Bridge St. Smith Richard, fishmonger, Bridge st. Smith William, auctioneer & appraiser, Bridge st. Vaughan Joseph & son, whip makers, Church yard. Wells John, basket maker, Bridge st. Wilson Jas. breeches maker, Titchmarsh lane.

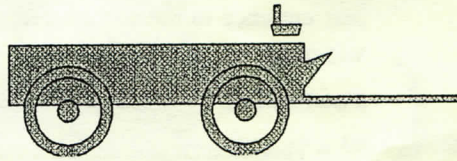
COACHES.

To **LONDON**, the *Old Oundle* (from Oundle) calls at the White Hart, every Monday, Wednesday & Friday morning at half past seven; goes through Kimbolton, St. Neots, Biggleswade, Baldock, Stevenage & Hatfield.

To **BIRMINGHAM**, the *Rising Sun* (from Cambridge) calls at the George, every Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday morning at ten; goes through Wellingborough, Northampton, Daventry, Dunchurch & Coventry.

To **CAMBRIDGE**, the *Rising Sun* (from Birmingham) calls at the George, every Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday evening at 5; goes through Huntingdon.

To **OUNDLE**, the *Old Oundle* (from London) calls at the White Hart, every Monday, Wednesday & Friday evening at 5.



CARRIERS.

To **LONDON**, Jenks & Son (from Oundle) call at the Masons' Arms every

Monday & Thursday - and John Mayes (from Brigstock) calls at the Swan, every Thursday morning.

To **CAMBRIDGE**, Ebenezer Hubbard, from the George yard, every Monday & Thursday; goes through Huntingdon.

To **NORTHAMPTON**, Ebenezer Hubbard, every Tuesday & Friday evening

To **OUNDLE**, Jenks & Son, every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday evening - & Mary Blair, every Tuesday evening.

Personalities

No really famous name is listed by Pigot in the Northamptonshire section of his 1830 Directory, but some of the entries refer to people who played a notable part in local and sometimes national life.

Charles Arbuthnot and his wife, were friends and political confidants of His Grace the Duke of Wellington, who sometimes stayed with them at Woodford Lodge.

Context

1830 is the peak period of transport by way of turnpiked road, and excepting Middlesex, no county in England was traversed by a greater number of these important roads than Northamptonshire. These included main roads from London to North Wales, the north-west and north-east of England, and cross country roads such as those making up the route along which the *Rising Sun* coach travelled four times weekly between Birmingham and Cambridge, stopping at the George in Thrapston enroute. This is also the era of transportation by canal/river, yet the Thrapston reference is one of only two, the other at Peterborough in the 1830 Directory. {The Soke of Peterborough was included in the County of Northampton until the 1974 reorganisation of local government} The canal usage of the River Nene effectively stops in 1845 when the Blisworth to Peterborough railway line via Thrapston opens. Though silk 'thread lace' is referred to in the introduction to the Thrapston(e) entry, no reference is made to a location. A 'silk lace' factory was demolished in Cozy Nook, at approximately the site of the rear entrance to the current Fire Station, in the 1960's, at the time of the widening of the High Street.

Footnotes. *1 Titchmarsh Lane = Oundle Road. *2 = Tallow for candles
*3 = Thrapston Wharf adjacent to the bridge, buildings demolished late 1998
*4 a worker in leather *5 = etc. *6 A patten was a wooden sole mounted on a iron oval ring, used as an overshoe to raise the shoe out of the mud or slush.

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