

## WALESBY PARISH

Includes the hamlets of *Walesby* and *Willoughby*, and forms a fine champaign district, extending northward from Kirton to Bevercotes, under an abrupt acclivity, and westward to the river Idle. It contains 68 houses, 340 inhabitants, and 1429A. 1R. 24P. of land, all of which is a fertile sand, except the eastern side about Willoughby, which is a strong clay, mostly in hop-yards. The open fields were enclosed in 1821, when 152A. 3R. 27P. were awarded to the rector, in lieu of the tithes of the whole parish.

WALESBY is a large village, half way betwixt Tuxford and Ollerton, being  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles W. of the former, and the same distance N.E. of the latter. After the Conquest, the parish was of several fees, and Reginald Ursell gave to the monks of Rufford "in pure alms, the service which Robert de Lexington was wont to do him, for one bovate that he held of him in Walesby, viz. a pair of spurs of iron, or 2d. yearly, with all reliefs, wards, escheats, &c." Several other parcels of land were subsequently given to the same monastery, and after the dissolution passed to the Earl of Shrewsbury. The Duke of Newcastle and the Hon. and Rev. J. L. Savile are now the principal land owners, and the latter is lord of the manor and patron of the rectory, which is valued in the King's books at £6. 1s. 2d. and is now enjoyed by the Rev. Theophilus Sampson, M. A., who resides at Eakring. The *church*, as Throsby says, "is set off with a tower," and is dedicated to St. Edmund. The *school* was endowed in 1760 with a rent charge of 40s. by the Rev. Richard Jackson, rector of this parish. This devise was void by the mortmain act, but the donor's niece, Elizabeth Hall, gave in lieu thereof two acres of land in Normanton, which, at the enclosure in 1800, was exchanged for 1A. 19P. now let for £5 a year. The *poor's land* consists of two roods

let for 15s., and was received at the enclosure of Walesby, in exchange for other land, in Yard-ends field and Outgang-side. The *sheep clipping* or *feast* is on the nearest Wednesday to June 24th.

WILLOUGHBY is a small village distant only a quarter of a mile N.E. of Walesby, and has in its vicinity several fruitful hop yards.

*Those marked thus † are Hop Growers, thus § Yeomen, and thus † live at Willoughby.*

Ashmore Mr. William  
 †Dale Cornls. wheelwright  
 Ellis Wm. vict. & wheelwright  
 Gabbitas Hanh. vict. New Inn  
 Hoggard John, blacksmith  
 Hollis Wm. shoemaker  
 †§Justice Wm. butcher  
 Ratcliff John, schoolmaster  
 †Ratcliff Rd. vict. Red Lion  
 Robbins Rd. shoemaker & shopr  
 Smith Charity, shopkeeper  
 Snowden Thos. blacksmith

Tissington John, tailor  
 Wesley Wm. schoolmr. & clerk  
 Woodward James, shoemaker  
 FARMERS.  
 ††Camm Jph. Ryals Wm.  
 †Clark Fras. Sarginson Thos.  
 ††Clark Saml. †Smith Jph.  
 †§Dean Hanh. Smith Thomas  
 †Gilbert Wm. Ulyeat Thomas  
 †Haywood Alex. †§Woonbill Jn.  
 Rawson Fras. §Woonbill Wm  
 †Rawson Rd.

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