

THREDLING HUNDRED.

This is the smallest Hundred in Suffolk, containing only the five parishes of *Debenham, Ashfield-with-Thorpe, Framsdon, Pettaugh,* and *Winston*, which contained 2616 inhabitants in 1801, 3504 in 1841, and 3488 in 1851; and comprise about 10,000 acres of clayey but fertile land. They are in Bosmere and Claydon Union; in Ipswich County Court District; in the Deanery of Claydon, Archdeaconry of Suffolk, and Diocese of Norwich; and in the *Eastern Division* of Suffolk. The river Deben has its source in this Hundred, which is bounded by those of Loes, Carlford, Hoxne, Hartismere, and Bosmere-and-Claydon.

ASHFIELD-WITH-THORPE, the former a scattered village, three miles E., and the latter a small hamlet, 2 miles E. by S. of Debenham, form a parish of 327 souls, and 1565A. 2R. 19P. of land, lying in several manors, and belonging to Lord Henniker, Sir Rt. Shafto Adair, W. Mills, Esq., the Rev. Rt. Groome, the Misses Fellgate, and a few smaller owners. The *Church at Ashfield*, after being in ruins more than a century, was rebuilt of brick in 1853, by Lord Henniker, at the cost of £2000. *Thorpe Chapel* was rebuilt in 1739, and was used as the parish church till 1853. The living is a perpetual curacy, valued at £53, in the incumbency of the Rev. Henry Valentine Pickering, of Earl Soham. Lord Henniker is patron, and also impropiator of the great tithes, which were commuted in 1839 for £466 per annum, and were formerly in the appropriation of Butley priory. The glebe is 4A. 1R. 23P., and the Parsonage is a small house occupied by the parish clerk. Here is a small Primitive Methodist Chapel, built in 1854. Post from Earl Soham, *via* Woodbridge.

Bennett John, blacksmith
Harvey James, wheelwright
Juby Alfred, blacksmith and shopkpr
Osbourne George, parish clerk
Porter Robt. carpenter and vict., Swan
Wade James, tailor

FARMERS. (* are Owners.)
Barker Daniel, *Thorpe Hall*

*Cooke Jas. Chapman, *Ashfield Lodge*
*Garnham James || Lanham John
Goodchild Philip || Quinton Jermh.
*Goodwin James, *Woodhouse*
Juby J., *Hill Farm* || Rogers Clement
Lockwood Henry, *Ashfield Hall*
Spelman Wales, *Ashfield Place*

DEBENHAM, so called from the river Deben, which rises near it, is a small town, on a pleasant eminence, finely interspersed with trees, 5 miles E.N.E. of Stonham Post Office, 8 miles W. of Framlingham, 13 miles N. of Ipswich, 7½ miles S. of Eye, and 82 miles N.E. of London. Its parish contained 1215 inhabitants in 1801, and 1653 in 1851, and comprises about 3271 acres of land. The town suffered severely by fire, in 1744. The *market*, formerly held every Friday, had been long disused in 1851, when it was revived, but it is not held during the six months from April to September. Here is a fair for cattle, &c., on the 24th of June, and a *lamb show* on the 1st of September. The lower part of the *Market House* is used by the market people, and the upper part is the Free School.

One side of the Market place is shaded by a fine row of lime trees. A *Police Station*, with a residence for two policemen, was built here in 1849, but the Petty Sessions are held at Framlingham. (See p. 357.) In Saxon times, the kings of East Anglia occasionally held their courts here; and tradition says the *Deben* was then navigable up to the town, though it is now only a small stream, which rises at Brices farm, little more than a mile north of the town, and does not become navigable till, by a circuitous route of nearly 20 miles, it reaches Melton and Woodbridge, where it expands into a broad tidal river. Some years ago, an anchor was found imbedded in the sand, at a place called the *Gulls*, near Debenham. The ancient farmhouses, called *Crows Hall* and *Ulveston Hall*, were formerly moated. The former is of considerable antiquity, but only one of its wings is now remaining. *Ulveston Hall Farm*, (305A. 1R. 7P.) and the *manors of Ulveston and Sackvyls*, belong to Tooley's Almshouses, in Ipswich. The greater part of the parish lies in several other manors. The manor of Debenham Butley, with the rectory and the advowson of the vicarage, belonged to Butley priory. They were granted in 1542, to Francis Framlingham, and devolved, about 1600, to the Gaudys, who resided at *Crows Hall*; and one of them, Sir Charles Gaudy, was created a *baronet* in 1661. They afterwards passed to the Bridges family, of Bealings, but are now the property of Lord Henniker, who is also lord of the adjacent *manors of Scotnells-with-Haugh, Blood Hall, and Crows Hall*. The manors of *Kenton-with-Suddon Hall*, and *Winston-cum-Pulham*, extend into Debenham parish; and the Dean and Chapter of Ely have held the former since the time of Edward the Confessor; and William Mills, Esq., is lord of the latter. Copyhold courts are held yearly for all these manors, and the other principal landowners are the Beck, Norris, Manning, Barker, Lock, Cook, and Kersey families. The *Church* (St. Mary) is a handsome structure, with a square tower, formerly surmounted by a spire, which is said to have been injured by lightning, and was taken down in 1667. The four old bells, which had chimes, gave place to a musical peal of eight, in 1761, when the *Rev. J. Clubbe*, author of an "Essay on Physiognomy," &c., was incumbent here. The nave is an elegant example of pointed architecture, divided from the aisles by six lofty clustered pillars, with exquisitely sculptured capitals, representing heads of cherubims, foliage, &c. In the chancel are some ancient monuments, but the inscriptions are entirely defaced. One of them bears recumbent effigies, supposed to represent Sir Charles Gaudy (or Gaude), Kt., and his lady. In the south aisle is a more modern monument, on which are figures of John Simpson, Esq., and his two sons. Lord Henniker is impropiator of the rectory, and patron of the vicarage, which is valued in K.B., at £15. 2s. 6d., and now at £210, in the incumbency of the Rev. Jas. Bedingfeld, B.A. In 1838, the rectorial tithes were commuted for £651, and the vicarial for £282 per annum. Domesday Book notices another church at Debenham, dedicated to *St. Andrew*, but its site is unknown, though there are, near *Ulveston Hall*, enclosures called *Church-field* and *Chapel-field*. In the town is an

Independent Chapel, belonging to a congregation which originated in 1700. *Sir Robert Hitcham's Charity* to Debenham, Framlingham, and other places, is noticed at pages 360 and 361, where it will be seen that the valuable charity estates have been separated, and appropriated to the several parishes interested therein. The Debenham Trust comprises 236A. 3R. 5P. of land at Framlingham, let for about £250 per annum, which is applied partly for the support of a *Free School* for the education of poor children, and partly for the relief of the poor parishioners. The Master and Fellows of Pembroke Hall, Cambridge, being visitors or governors of Sir Robert Hitcham's Charity, the late Parliamentary Commissioners did not inquire into it. Here is also a *National School*, erected in 1834, and now attended by about 90 boys and 90 girls. In 1697, *John Simpson* bequeathed, out of a farm in Debenham, a yearly rent-charge of £30, for the following uses, viz., £17. 6s. 8d. for weekly distributions of bread among the poor parishioners, and £12. 13s. 4d. to provide eight coats and six gowns, marked J. S., for as many poor men and women, on Christmas Day. The poor of Debenham have £15. 15s. yearly from *Garney's Charity*, as noticed with Kenton. *Debenham Farmers' Club* holds its meetings here. A *Sick Club*, called the Debenham Congregational Society, meets at the Independent Chapel.

DEBENHAM.

POST OFFICE at Mr Fras. Arnold's; Letters despatched by foot post, via *Stonham*, at 6½ evening, and received at 8½ morning. (See page 452.)
Abbott Joseph, veterinary surgeon
Aldred Fdk. working miller
Amass Mr Geo. || Andrews Mr Rt.
Bacon, Cobbold, and Co., bankers, (and Ipswich) Mr Wm. Jackson, agent
Barber Thos. chemist and druggist
Bedingfeld Rev Jas., B.A., rural dean, vicar of Debenham, &c., *Bedingfield Rectory*
Cabborn John R. draper
Dorling F. W. and Mr Nath. Gostling, *White Hall*
Dove Saml., Esq., and Misses Sarah, Mary and Elizabeth
Elliott, Louis, policeman
Evans Edward, managing druggist
Fisk Wm. cabinet maker
Freeman Miss Lydia
Garneys Mrs Eliz. and Misses Mary and Charlotte
Gunn Fenn, painter, plumber, and mason
Gooding Philip, corn dealer
Houghton Michael, accountant
Jessop Frederick, corn merchant
Kersey Samuel, hay dealer
Last Wm. cooper & hoop measure mfr.
Norris Stephen, policeman
Percy John, watch and clock maker

Powell Arthur, solicitor
Simpson Miss || Smart Mr Richd
Smith Chas. & Brothers, leather cutters, hide & skin dealers, wood turners, coopers and carriers
Smith Mrs Har || Steptoe Mr Natl
White Rev M. E., curate, *Vicarage*
Wright Wm. machine owner
Wythe John, painter, plumber, glazier, and auctioneer
FIRE & LIFE OFFICE AGENTS.
Crown Life, A. Powell, solicitor
Norwich Equitable, J. Bayly Ransome
Royal Farmers', W. Green, of Ipswich
Suffolk Alliance, Wm. Jackson
INNS AND TAVERNS.
Angel, John Wythe
Cherry Tree Inn, Edm. Tydeman
Eight Bells, Mary Carter
King's Head, John Butcher, *farrier*
Red Lion, Devereux Jessop
ACADEMIES.
(* take Boarders.)
Gladwell John
Smith James
Syer Wm
Thurkettle John
Wythe John
BEERHOUSES.
Butcher Edgar
Collins James
Howes Charles
Simpson Robt
BLACKSMITHS.
Last Samuel
Spall George

Thurkettle Wm. BOOT & SHOEMKRS. Arnold Francis, & currier Crapnell John Crapnell Joseph Gardner Thos. Gooding Thos. Hart Charles Hyde Henry Owles Samuel Rumsey Jas <i>par alle</i>	Frewer Alfd., <i>Romwood Green</i> *Kersey Edward <i>Ulverston Hall</i> *Norris Jas., <i>Gostling's Hall</i> Moore Chas. and Hy., <i>Crows Hall</i> Moore Jno., <i>Poplar</i> *Simpson Caleb Thurkettle Samuel GARDENERS. Andrews John Barritt Wm. Barritt Wm. jun. Lanham Thos. Poole James GLOVERS. Carter Thos. Hunt Samuel Smith John	HAIR DRESSERS. Bedwell Robert Beecroft Wm. JOINERS & BUILDERS. Crooke Robert Forsdike Francis Howes Charles & Nelson Pollard Samuel MALTSTERS. Cuthbert Fredk. Jessop Frederick MILLINERS, &c. Beecroft Eliza Curtis Sarah Hyde Maria Last Mary Ann Pollard My. Ann SADDLERS, &c. Clemence Henry Fulcher Charles Poole Robert	Pyett Emma Sparrow Jane SURGEONS. Lock Edm. Robt. Lock Edward Moore Lionel Welham TAILORS & DRAPERS. Bedwell Samuel Curtis Wm. Curtis Jeffery Curtis Robert Gooding Amass Harvey Samuel WHEELWRIGHTS. Bendall Ezekiel HowesCs & Nelson CARRIERS. <i>To Ipswich</i> , John Kent, Jas. Hart, and Rt. Crookes, Tu. Thu. & Sat. Chas. Smith, to <i>Stowmarket</i> ; Tu. and Fri., and to <i>Framlingham</i> Monday.
BRICKLAYERS. Blasby Samuel Gooding Abraham Gooding George Gooding Philip Gooding Samuel Mills George BUTCHERS. Amass Amo. Amass Wm. *Barker Thos Abbot, <i>Brices Farm</i> Canham John Darby Wm. Dove Wm, <i>Old Hall</i>	GROCERS & DRAPERS. Abbott Henry Collins James Gladwell Elijah Jackson Wm. and bank agent, &c.	SHOPKEEPERS. Beecroft Eliz. Moyses Mark STRAW HAT MAKERS Fisk Rebecca	

FRAMSDEN, a scattered village, 3 miles S.S.E. of Debenham, and 11 miles N. by E. of Ipswich, has in its parish 828 souls, and 2837A. 1R. 38P. of land, which has been much improved by under-draining, and is now rated, with the buildings, at £4144 per annum. Here is a small cattle fair yearly, on Holy Thursday. The manor was anciently held by the *Montealto* or *Monthalt* family, who settled it on Isabel, mother of Edward III., and after her decease, it passed to John Eltham, the King's brother. John Tollemache, Esq., M.P., is now lord of the manor, and owner of a great part of the soil; and the remainder belongs to the Thellusson Trustees, and several smaller owners. The *Hall* has been occupied as a farm-house more than 90 years by the Kersey family, and is still partly encompassed by a moat, and retains some fine old carvings. The *Church* (St. Mary) is an ancient structure, with a lofty tower, containing eight bells. In the reign of Edward III. it was appropriated to the *Minoreesses*, a convent of nuns in London. J. Tollemache, Esq., is now improprator of the rectory and patron of the vicarage, valued in K.B. at £10. 0s. 2½d., and now at £260, in the incumbency of the Rev. Thos. Wm. Brereton, B.A., who has a good residence, and 43A. of glebe. In 1839, the rectorial tithes were commuted for £567, and the vicarial for £344 per annum. Here is a neat *Baptist Chapel*, and this parish participates in the benefits of the *New Schools* at Helmingham. (See p. 444.) *Post from Stonham.*

Abel William, tailor
Bennett Thomas, blacksmith
Brereton Rev. Thos. Wm., B.A., *Vicarage*
Candler Wm. corn miller

Crapnell Wm. boot and shoemaker
Farrer Jas. shoemaker and vict., *Greyhound*