

KELLY'S DIRECTORY OF ESSEX (date unknown) approx 1935

HEMPSTEAD is a village and parish, 7 miles south-west from Haverhill station on the Colne Valley line and 7 east from Saffron Walden station on that branch of the London and North Eastern railway, 7 north from Thaxted and 47 from London, in the Saffron Walden division of Freshwell, rural district and county court district of Saffron Walden, Saffron Walden rural deanery, archdeaconry of Colchester and Chelmsford diocese. The church of St. Andrew, formerly a chapel attached to Great Sampford, is an ancient edifice of rubble in the Gothic style, consisting of chancel, with Harvey chapel, nave, aisles and south porch, the tower having fallen on Saturday, 28 Jan. 1882, doing much damage to the church; of the 5 bells, one, the tenor, was shattered by the fall; the remaining four are hung in the churchyard, near the east end of the church: the tower was rebuilt in 1933 at a cost of £5,000: beneath the chancel and vestry is the vault of the Harvey family, where, until 1883, reposed the remains of the celebrated Dr. William Harvey, the discoverer of the circulation of the blood, but in that year they were removed into the Harvey chapel and placed in a marble sarcophagus presented for this purpose by the Royal College of Physicians, of which he had been a fellow: in the chapel is also a monument to his memory, with bust and an inscription in Latin recording his death at the age of 80, 3 June, 1657: here also are various other memorials to this family from 1661 to 1830, including two medallions of white marble with portraits in bas-relief, by Roubiliac, to William Harvey, of Winchblow Hall and Chigwell, d. 14 December, 1742, and Elizabeth, his wife; another marble monument to William Harvey, of Rochampton, and Bridget, his wife, 1719-61, and a memorial to Capt. Edward Harvey, Coldstream Guards, and eldest son of Admiral Harvey, who fell at Burgos, 11 October, 1812; Sir Eliab Harvey K.C.B. Admiral of the Blue, also interred here, d. 20 Feb. 1830: there are brass effigies of civilians, c. 1475 and 1480, without inscriptions, and others to Thomas Huntington esq. ob. 1492, and Margaret (Tyrrell), his wife; to William Mor-dant, chief prethonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, ob. 1518, and his wife, Anne (Huntington), with 10 sons and 6 daughters; a civilian and his wife, c. 1530, with 4 sons and 5 daughters, and an inscription to Richard Westley, ob. 1518, and his wife Joan: the church, with the exception of the chancel, Harvey chapel and tower, was entirely rebuilt in 1887-8, under the direction of Mr. Samuel Knight, architect, of London, at a cost of over £1,600, raised by subscription, and was re-opened 3 May, 1888: the new pulpit, reading desk and lectern are

of oak, skillfully carved by the Rev. John Escreet, curate here 1877-1905, who also executed the carving on the south porch; the oak was given by C. F. W. Fane esq.: the church has 293 sittings: in 1889 the churchyard was enlarged by the addition of over 500 square yards of land. The register of baptisms and marriages dates from the year 1664; burials, 1665: among the entries of baptisms is that of Richard, son of John and Mary Turpin, 21 Sept. 1705, afterwards notorious as "Dick Turpin," the highwayman. In the centre of the village is a circle of 8 (formerly 11) trees, known as "Turpin's or Tuppin's ring," and at one time an inclosure for cock fighting; close by is a picturesque thatched cottage, the traditional birthplace of the notorious highwayman, and there is also the ancient Rose and Crown inn which was frequented by him; at Dawkins farm, in this parish, is preserved a portion of the oak in which Turpin took refuge from his pursuers. The living is a vicarage, annexed to that of Great Sampford, joint net yearly value £400, with 19 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of All Souls' Guild, and held since 1921 by the Rev. Thomas Percy Conyers Barker B.A. of St. Chad's Hall, Durham. The rectorial tithes are in the hands of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and yield about £700 yearly. The vicarage house, a good residence of brick, erected in 1884-5, at a cost of £1,585, stands about a quarter of a mile north of the church in an acre of ground given by C. F. W. Fane esq. The Methodist chapel here was erected in 1853, and has 50 sittings. Charities amounting to about £16 yearly, left by John Proud, of Hempstead, and others, have been lost; there are four houses, built in 1862 by Miss Rutland for the late Misses Green, for poor people of the parish; each inmate has to pay a small rent, which is used for repairs. The land is chiefly owned by the farmers. The estate known as Hempstead Hall, has been presented to the Church Army, and is now called "The Church Army Emigration Colony," established for the purpose of training the unemployed in farm work, with a view to their emigration to Canada. The soil is loam; subsoil, clay. The chief crops are wheat and barley. The area is 3,591 acres; the population in 1931 was 416.

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PRIVATE RESIDENTS.
 (For T N's see general list of Private Residents at end of book.)
 Barker Rev. Thomas Percy Conyers B.A. (vicar), Vicarage
 Escreet Rt. Jn. The Firs
 Reed Walter R., Yeoman cottage
 Taylor James C. Church farm
COMMERCIAL.
 Marked thus ° farm 150 acres or over.
 °Basham Regnld. farmer, Bull's Bridge farm. T N Steeple Bumpstead 25
 Blackmore William, farmer, Pollins cross
 °Church Army Emigration Colony (Thos. Warner, supt.), Hempstead Hall & Little Bulls farm
 Coe George Albert, Crown P.H

Cusley Florence (Mrs.), farmer, Frenche's farm
 Drane Jn. F. smallholder, Hillside
 °Foster Frank, farmer, The Field farm
 Fordham Abraham, smallholder, The Limes
 Freeman Frank Percy M.C., L.R.C.P. & S. & L.M.Irel. physcn. & surgn. (attends tues. at 11 a.m.)
 Gibbs Stanley, carrier
 Hall Fredk. L. clerk to Parish Council
 Hardy Herbt. smith
 °Haylock Sydney Jas. farmer, Hill farm. T N Radwinter 4
 Helliwell & Wood, poultry farmers, High Lea
 Humphrey Mary L. (Mrs.), grocer, Post office

Marsh Frank M. baker, Box cott
 Matthews Benjamin, farm bailiff to Sidney Furze esq. Church farm
 Mugleston Morris Vernon, farmer, Hophouse farm
 Murrell Jn. poultry farmer, Prentices
 °Myhill Norman Cecil, farmer, Winchlow hall. T N Radwinter 3
 Mynott Herbert, farmer, Anso Gallows
 Mynott Thos. farmer, Blagdens
 Palmer —, smallholder, The Oak
 Pryor Annie (Mrs.), shopkpr
 °Tamblyn Jonathan, farmer, Great Dawkin's farm
 Turner Sidney, farmer
 Watson James, farm bailiff to Church Army Emigration Colony, Ruses frm
 Willis Charlotte L. (Mrs.), shopkpr