

## Cassop township — Whelans' Durham Book, 1st Edition (1855) (*full text*) (p.602-3)

Cassop township is principally the property of William Jones Esq., R.H. Philipson, Esq., John Gibson, Esq. and Messrs. John and William Reed.

Its area is 1,622 acres, and its rateable value £3,217 7s.

Its population

in 1801	was 53;
in 1811,	59;
in 1821,	78;
in 1831,	69;
in 1841,	1076,
and in 1851,	1,769 souls

This great and rapid increase is owing to the opening and working of new mines. Here are two collieries, affording employment to great numbers of the inhabitants. The coals are conveyed to Hartlepool by rail, where they are shipped to London and other places.

Cassop was anciently included in Quarringtonshire; and we learn from Boldon Book that William de Kent held four ox-gangs of land her, for which he served on two embassies. At the time of Hatfield's Survey, the same lands were held by Those Clerk, of Elvet, by similar service, and rendered 6s 8d. The vill has since been held by lease under the see of Durham.

The village of Cassop is situated about four miles south-east of Durham and is principally occupied by farms.

New Cassop, a colliery village, is pleasantly situated on the declivity of a hill, and commands interesting views of the neighbouring country. Here is a Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, a neat stone building, erected in 1842 at a cost of £200, and will accommodate about 300 persons. There is a day school in connection with this chapel which is conducted by Mr. Henry Hinchcliffe. The Primitive Methodists have a chapel here, which was erected in 1842, at an expense of £150; and the Wesleyan Methodist Reformers have also a place of worship.

Tursdale, a manor in this township, situated to the west of Cassop, was anciently the property of the Botelers, De Trillesdens, and Elmedens; from the

latter of whom it was transferred by marriage to the Bulmers. It was subsequently held by the Howard family. The site of the old manor-house is now occupied by a farmstead.

*[Kelloe Parish comprised four townships: Kelloe, Cassop, Coxhoe and Quarrington.]*

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Bell, Mr. Thomas, colliery viewer, New Cassop  
Blenkinsop, Thomas, vict. *Prince Albert*, New Cassop  
Bulmer, John, vict. *Board*, New Cassop  
Cairns, James, mechanical engineer, Cassop Collieries, New Cassop  
Carr, William, vict. *Railway Tavern*, New Cassop  
Curry, James, underviewer, New Cassop  
Curry, Robert, stone mason, Old Cassop  
Curry, Robert, jun., mason, New Cassop  
Curry, William, mason, New Cassop  
Dawson, Richard, overman, New Cassop  
Forster, James, vict. *Black Bull*, New Cassop  
Hall, George, grocer and draper, New Cassop  
Hardy, Richard, overman, New Cassop  
Heron, Thomas, vict. *Good intent*, Cassop Hill  
Huddert, Mary, schoolmistress, New Cassop  
Hudson, George, tailor, New Cassop  
Matthew, William, grocer and draper, New Cassop  
Moody, Andrew, blacksmith, New Cassop  
Philipson, R.H., colliery viewer, Old Cassop  
Purdy, Ann, vict. *Cassop Moor Inn*  
Richardson, John, vict. *Victoria*, New Cassop  
Robinson, Joseph, butcher, New Cassop  
Robson, Edward, vict. *Cassop Colliery Inn*  
Sayer, Charles, boot and shoemaker, New Cassop  
Smith, Matthew, vict. *Half Moon*, Cassop Hill  
Stokoe, Matthias, grocer and draper, New Cassop  
Temple, James, boot and shoemaker, New Cassop  
Willis, Henry, vict. *Foresters's Arms*, New Cassop

**Farmers**

Brown, William John, Tursdale  
Gibson, William (yeoman) Old Cassop  
Jones, William, (yeoman) Old Cassop  
Philipson, R.H. (yeoman) Old Cassop  
Reed, William (yeoman) Old Cassop  
Robinson, Joseph, New Cassop  
Storey, Myles, Hoggersgate