

CASSOP-CUM-QUARRINGTON PARISH

This was constituted a distinct parish in 1865, mainly out of the parish of Kelloe and partly out of Bishop Middleham. It comprises nearly the whole of the united townships of Cassop and Quarrington, Tursdale Colliery in this township being in the parish of Cornforth. The villages comprised in this parish are Old Quarrington, Quarrington Hill, Old Cassop, Cassop Colliery, and the hamlets of Heugh Hall, Cassop Moor, Cassop Vale, and Bowburn; having a total population of 1100. The parish is bounded on the north by Shadforth, north-east by Kelloe, south by Coxhoe, west by Cornforth, and north-west by Shincliffe.

The township of Cassop-cum-Quarrington was previous to 1887 two separate townships, Cassop and Quarrington. They were in March that year united, and now form one township, with an area of 3258 acres, the ratable value being £10,782; and the population in 1891, 1192. In 1871 the population of Cassop alone was 783; that of Quarrington was in 1871, 865.

Coal was extensively worked in this township at one time, Heugh Hall, Bowburn, and Crow Trees being the names of collieries in the Quarrington township. Owing to these collieries being laid in, many of the cottages in the parish have fallen into ruin. The Tursdale Colliery is now the only one in this township which will be found described under Cornforth, in which parish it is situated.

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

Quarrington is supposed to derive its name from the quarries in the neighbour- hood. About the year 1183 the village was the capital of a district called Quarringtonshire, which

included Sherburn, Shadforth, and Cassop; the punder of which had twenty acres as the fee of his office, and rendered six score hens and 1000 eggs. In the time of Bishop Pudsey four caracutes of Quringdon demesne, with the sheep, stock, and pasture, were in the lord's hands. The greve held an oxgang of land for his service, and the smith twelve acres. This shire paid 64s. for cornage, and provided three milch cows. At the time of Hatfield's Survey, Quringdon Grange, with its demesnes, meadows, and pasture, was held by the master of Sherburn Hospital, under the yearly rent of £18, 18s.

The present landowners in Cassop-cum-Quarrington are William Hopper Williamson, Esq.; the Ecclesiastical Commissioners; James Fowler, Esq.; Matthew Turnbull; Arkless Lockey, Esq.; John Hundheugh, Esq.; William Eggleston, Esq.; Executors of the late Mrs. Blackett; Anthony Wilkinson, Esq.; Hilton Philipson, Esq.; and a few smaller holders.

The village of Old Cassop is situated four miles south-east by east from Durham.

New Cassop is a village formerly entirely inhabited by miners, but since the collieries ceased to work it has fallen much into decay. It is still, however, inhabited principally by miners and quarrymen; it is pleasantly situated on the hill side.

Quarrington Hill is the most populous village in the parish, being occupied chiefly by the miners engaged at colliery, East Hetton. Old Quarrington, Heugh Hall, Cassop Moor, Cassop Vale are hamlets in this parish.

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.

Park Hill is an estate four and a quarter miles from Durham, formerly the property of the Reeds, and

purchased about 1868 by James Fowler, Esq. It is at present occupied by his son James.

The Church, which occupies a most commanding position on Quarrington Hill, is dedicated to St. Paul, and was erected in 1868. It is a small and somewhat plain stone building of very good proportions in the French Gothic style, consisting of nave and chancel, under one roof, and a strong square tower at the south-west corner, which was originally intended to be surmounted by a spire. The site was given by the late Rev. H. Hopper Williamson, who also gave liberally towards the cost of erection. Seating is provided for 260 sitters. The living is a vicarage valued at £400 in the gift of the Bishop of Durham and the Crown, and held by the Rev. T. H. Thompson, M.A.

The Vicarage is a substantial building, situated about a mile and a quarter northwest of the church, and was erected in 1870 at a cost of £1 750.

The Wesleyan Methodists and Primitive Methodists have each a chapel at Cassop Colliery, the former being a stone building erected at a cost of £200 in 1842. At Quarrington Hill the Wesleyan Chapel is a good building, erected in 1886 at a cost of about £400, and will seat nearly 300.

The School (under the Cassop-cum-Quarrington Board) is situated at Cassop, and is an iron structure, erected about 1875. It is for mixed and infants, and provides room for 238.

Post Money Order Office.-Cassop Colliery, William M. Stokoe, postmaster. Letters arrive through Trundon Grange at 8.25 A.M., and depart at 3.35 P.M., week days only. Letters are gathered at Quarrington at 5 P.M., and distributed at 8 A.M. Those marked * receive letters *via* Coxhoe, the remainder being in West Cornforth postal district.

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<p>Beard, George, greengrocer and carrier to Durham</p> <p>Burns, Thos. R., vict. <i>Hare and Hounds</i>, Quarrington</p> <p>Cook, Mrs. Dorothy, vict. <i>Cassop Moor Inn</i></p> <p>*Dawson, J., vict. <i>Pit Laddie Inn</i></p> <p>Dunn, Miss Elizabeth, Cassop</p> <p>*Edwards, John, vict. <i>Clarence Villa Hotel</i></p> <p>Hall, Thos., shopkeeper, Cassop</p> <p>Hardy, George, grocer, Cassop</p> <p>*Heron, Thomas, blacksmith</p> <p>Menzie, J., asst. sanitary inspector</p> <p>Oddy, John, butcher</p> <p>Oughton, Robert, vict. <i>Good Intent</i>, Quarrington</p>	<p>Plant, Nixon, vict. <i>Heather Lad Inn</i></p> <p>Raine, Wm. vict. <i>Victoria Inn</i></p> <p>Ramsay W., manager, TurSDale colliery, East Hetton lodge</p> <p>Robertson David, vict. <i>Black Bull</i></p> <p>Smith, William, vict. <i>Half Moor</i>, Quarrington Hill</p> <p>Stokoe, Mrs., Cassop</p> <p>Stokoe, Wm. M. grocer, draper, and post office Cassop</p> <p>Temple, Henry, shoemaker</p> <p>Thompson Rev. Thomas Henry, M.A., vicar</p> <p>Toulson Edward S., farmer and vict. <i>Wheat Sheaf, Crowtrees</i></p> <p>White Thomas vict. <i>Prince Albert Inn</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Farmers.</p> <p>Atkinson, W. & J., Old Cassop</p> <p>Atkinson, Mrs. Keziah, Quarrington</p> <p>Bell, Henry W., Old Cassop</p> <p>Brown, George, TurSDale</p> <p>Foster, James, Dean house</p> <p>Fowler, James, junior, Park hill</p> <p>*Menzies, G. D., Quarrington.</p> <p>Miller, Mrs. Sarah, Hoggersgate</p> <p>Shield, Friend, Bowburn house</p> <p>*Smith, James, Lamb's close</p> <p>Stokoe, Charles, Hill house</p> <p>*Storey, Roger, and assist. overseer, Heugh hall</p> <p>Young, Robert, Old Cassop</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Carrier.</i>— G. Beard, to Durham on Saturdays</p>
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