

arrives by messenger from Market Rasen at 8 a.m.; dispatched at 5.20 p.m. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Market Rasen
A room has been built by the present rector, adjoining the rectory premises, which is used, as a Sunday school

Cooper Rev. Louis George Herbert
B.A. (curate of All Saints), Rectory
Cooper Rev. William Waldo M.A.,
J.P. (rector & rural dean), Rectory

COMMERCIAL.

Bennett Thomas, farmer
Davy Maithy, farmer
Drakes John Edward, farmer, South
Park farm

Drakes Joseph, farmer, Home &
Grange farms
Drakes Joseph, frmr. Rectory farm;
resides at Orford
Duddles John, cottager
Foster Charles, cottager
Foster Chas. woodman to Lord Herries
Foston Danl. carpenter & wheelwright
Gilliatt Christopher, blacksmith
Lammiman John, farmer

& for meetings & other purposes connected with the church
Public Elementary (Catholic) School, built in 1872, for 50 children; average attendance, 24; Mrs. Elizabeth Makin, mistress

Parker James, farmer; residing at Lynwode
Parkinson George, draper, grocer & tailor, Post office
Rawlinson John, farm bailiff to Lord Herries
Sales William, farmer; residing at Lissington
Thompson Frnk. millr. (water) & frmr
Trafford Toft, farmer

NORTH and SOUTH RAUCEBY are separate parishes for civil purposes but united ecclesiastically, and on one of the highest parts in Lincolnshire, in the North Kesteven division of the county, parts of Kesteven, Flaxwell wapentake, Sleaford union, petty sessional division and county court district, rural deanery of Lafford No. 1, and archdeaconry and diocese of Lincoln. North Rauceby is $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles north from Rauceby station on the Grantham and Sleaford branch of the Great Northern railway, 4 west from Sleaford and 11 north-east from Grantham. The church of St. Peter is an edifice of Ancaster stone in the Decorated and Early English styles, consisting of chancel of three bays, clerestoried and embattled nave, aisles, south porch, vestry and a western tower with octagonal broach spire, relieved by spire lights, and containing 4 bells, dating from 1619 to 1723: the tower and spire may be assigned to the late 12th or early 13th century: the south aisle is Decorated, the porch Early English: the chancel, erected in the time of W. Styrlay, vicar, at a cost of £44 8s. 8d. was rebuilt by Anthony Willson esq. in 1853, from designs by Mr. S. S. Teulon, architect, and has a stained east window, representing the leading subjects of Our Lord's life: during the rebuilding many old tombstones of the 13th and 14th centuries and worked stones of the Early English period were found built into the walls: there are other stained windows to Mr. Willson, Mrs. Peacock, Mr. Roberts and Mr. Welby, and some fragments of ancient glass linger in the nave windows: the north arcade and aisle date from about 1320-50, and at the east end of the latter there remains a canopied niche, and in the south aisle a piscina, carved bracket with canopy, and a hagioscope; and here also is the arch of a founder's tomb, inclosing a slab of freestone incised with an enriched cross, and an inscription round the margin to William fraunk, of Rauceby, ob. Sept. 1385, which, however, is later than the arch above; adjoining is another and similar slab: during the restoration of the north aisle a large mural painting was discovered between the windows, 20 feet long and 5½ wide, with a red border, and a figure conjectured to be St. Anthony, and another of a grotesque monster: the rood loft stairs remain perfect, together with the upper doorway: the font is Perpendicular, and most of the bench ends are original: attached to the vestry wall is a brass effigy and inscription to William Styrlay, formerly vicar here, and canon of the Augustinian priory of Shelford, Notts, ob. 4th December, 1536: in the tower is a monument to Alice, 1st wife of Richard Jessap, d. September 27, 1716, and Joanna, his 2nd wife, d. August 31, 1720: in the churchyard is a tomb, apparently of the 14th century, with the effigy of a priest in eucharistic vestments and holding a chalice in his hands: there are 310 sittings. The register dates

NORTH RAUCEBY.

Drew Rev. Arth. Wm. Matthews, Vicarage
Hayman Mrs

COMMERCIAL.

Bull Herbert, blacksmith
Burrows Charles Pearce, farmer
Clarrieoats Hy. shopkeeper & beer ret
Pickworth James, farmer
Pirkins Richard, farmer
Thurby Henry, farmer, Heath
Tomlinson Alfred, farmer

Welch William, farmer
White Charles, farmer

SOUTH RAUCEBY.

Willson Col. Mildmay Willson C.B.,
J.P. Rauceby hall

COMMERCIAL.

Allen Edwin, carpenter
Bennett Wm. millr. (wind & steam) & bakr
Bland Thomas William, builder
Clay Robert, carrier

Crofts John, steward to Col. Willson
Dawson William, tailor
Hugh George, farmer
Jackson Jn. farm bailiff to Col. Willson
Lyell Frederick, Bustard inn
Newton Albert, farmer, Crowland farm
(Ancaster, postal address)
Smith Henry, baker
Sudbury William, poulterer
Tetter Emma (Mrs.), grocer. Post office
Winter Wm. shopkeeper & boot maker

EAST RAVENDALE is a parish, township and small village, 5 miles west from North Thoresby station on the East Lincolnshire branch of the Great Northern railway, 9 east-south-east from Caistor, 7½ south from Grimsby, and 10 north-west from Louth, in the North Lindsey division of the county, parts of Lindsey, wapentake and petty sessional division of Bradley Haverstoe,

from the year 1688. The living is a vicarage, gross yearly value £203, net £186, including 126 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Lincoln, and held since 1888 by the Rev. Arthur William Matthews Drew. There is a Wesleyan chapel, built in 1881, of Rauceby stone, at a cost of £600, and seating 200. The charities are Carre's of £5 yearly, left in 1593 by Robert Carre, of Sleaford, and Dame Margaret Thorold's of £5 yearly, left in 1718; this parish has also the privilege of sending two persons to the Carre hospital, at Sleaford. Near the vicarage garden, where the road to Ancaster branches from the one leading to South Rauceby, stands the ancient base of a village cross, which has been supplied with a graceful shaft and finial, and is now a pleasing ornament to the village. The Marquess of Bristol is lord of the manor and principal landowner. The soil is various; subsoil, limestone and shale. The chief crops are seeds, wheat, barley and turnips. The area is 3,461 acres; rateable value, £2,111; the population in 1891 was 269.

Parish Clerk, Thomas Bland.

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Wall Letter Box, cleared at 5.20 p.m.

National School (mixed), built in 1842, for 116 children; average attendance, 90; William H. B. Young, master

SOUTH RAUCEBY is a large village and parish, with a station 1 mile south of the village, on the Grantham and Sleaford branch of the Great Northern railway, 3½ miles west from Sleaford and 11¼ from London by rail. The church of St. James, which stood a little north of the village, was pulled down before 1640; the inhabitants make use of that of North Rauceby. The poor have £10 yearly, left in 1718 by Dame Margaret Thorold. Rauceby Hall, the residence of Col. Mildmay Willson Willson C.B., J.P. is a modern building in the Elizabethan style, standing in the centre of a park of 112 acres. The Marquess of Bristol, who is lord of the manor, and Col. Willson C.B. are the principal landowners. The soil is light, part clay; subsoil, limestone and shale. The chief crops are wheat, barley, turnips &c. The area is 2,430 acres; rateable value, £2,869; the population in 1891 was 390.

Post Office.—Mrs. Emma Tetther, sub-postmistress.

Letters arrive from Grantham at 7.30 a.m. & 12 noon; dispatched at 6.10 p.m. Postal orders are issued here, but not paid. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Sleaford

The children of this place attend the school at North Rauceby

Carrier.—Clay, to Grantham, sat. returning same day; to Sleaford, mon. returning same day

Railway Station, William White, station master