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PATRIXBOURNE is a small parish and village, 3 miles S.E. from Canterbury, situated in a fine healthy district, with the stream of the Little Stour running through the parish. Close to it, in the valley, is the village, with the church, court lodge, and vicarage near together. The parish contains 1,637 acres of land, which extends across the Dover road to a wild, hilly country, as far as Whitehill wood, part of which is within this parish; the soil in the valleys is very fertile, but the high grounds are in general poor, chalky land. In 1841 here were 53 houses and 251 inhabitants; population in 1801, 130; in 1831, 280; rateable value, £3,221. The landowners are the Marchioness of Conyngham, S. M. Hilton, Esq., Lord Sondes, and the Rev. James Hallett.

The CHURCH, dedicated to St. Mary, is a small structure, very ancient, with nave, chancel, south transept, and a spire; the east windows are of beautiful stained glass, and it contains many ancient memorials; a sumptuous monument of white marble has been erected to the late Marquis of Conyngham, who died in 1832; a small organ was presented by the Marchioness of Conyngham in 1847. Under the steeple, on the south side, is a fine arched doorway, circular, ornamented with carved work and emblematical figures of Saxon architecture, much like that at Barfiston. The living is a vicarage with the Chapel of Bridge annexed, valued in the Kings books at £5 7s. 3½d., in the patronage of the Marchioness of Conyngham, and enjoyed by the Rev. John Stevenson. The tithes were commuted in 1841, the rectorial for £539 17s. 1d., and the vicarial for £198 19s. 8d. The Free School is supported by the Marchioness of Conyngham, about 50 children attend. The church of Patricbourne, with the chapel of Bridge annexed, was given and appropriated to the priory of Merton, in Surrey, as early as the year 1258, in which state they continued till the dissolution of the priory in the 31st year of Henry the VIII, when they came with the manor into the King's hands, since which they have passed in the same tract of ownership.

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who carried it in marriage to John de Pratis, a Norman, who soon after the year 1200, gave it to his new erected priory of Beaulieu in Normandy, to which it afterwards became an alien cell. In which state it continued till the reign of Henry IV., when it was granted to the priory of Augustine, canons of Merton, in Surrey, whence it acquired the name of Patricbourne Merton. After the suppression of religious houses, King Henry VIII., granted the manor with the rectory and advowson of the vicarage to Sir Thomas Cheney, to hold to him, and his heirs male *in capite*, as of the castle of Rochester. The present possessor of the manor, with the rectory and advowson of the church, is the Marchioness of Conyngham, who also is the owner of the manor of Patricbourne Cheney. HIGHAM is another manor, though it has long since lost the reputation of having been one. It was anciently owned by a family of the same name; and embraces the high grounds near to Barham-downs, there is also the manor of Renville in this parish, which formerly belonged to owners of the name of Crippen.

BINFRONS is an ancient mansion in this parish, westward from the church, which was originally built by the Bargrave family, the present residence was built by the Rev. Edward Taylor, who succeeded to the estates in 1767, it is situated near the site of the old mansion. The mansion of the Marchioness's of Conyngham, is a handsome stone building, delightfully situated in a small park, a little north from the church. There are two cottages in this parish, each divided into two dwellings, which are generally supposed to have been given by the Taylor family, but from the uses to which the premises have been applied, it would rather seem that they are to be considered as belonging to the parish.

Conyngham, Dowager Lady Eliz.	Marsh James, victualler, Gate
Marchioness of	Pilcher Richard, land agent
Bartlett James, farmer, Mile stone	Smelt Rev Maurice Allen, curate
Collard Henry, farmer, Renville	Stevenson Rev John, vicarage
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PETHAM PARISH.

PETHAM is a considerable parish and small scattered village, 5 miles S.S.W. from Canterbury, which contains 3226 acres of land, chiefly a chalky soil, and much covered with sharp flints, about 800 acres are in woods, and 100 acres in hop ground. Near the eastern extremity runs the stone street way from Canterbury to Hythe and Limne, the PORTUS LE MANIS of the Romans. In Iffius wood are the remains of fortifications and intrenchments, supposed by many to be the place to which the Britons retreated, after they were driven by the Romans from their hold in the woods. This place Caesar says was fortified both by art and nature, and where he again found them, after he had fortified his camp, with their allies, under the command of Cassivelaun, and fought his decisive battle with them. In 1841 there were 118 houses, and 646 inhabitants; population in 1801 414, in 1831 582, rateable value £4,423. The rectorial

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The **MANOR** and seat of **BARHAM COURT**, about the year 1734, was carried in marriage to the Dering family, in whose inheritance it still continues, and is now the residence of George Charles Robert Dering, Esq.

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1, *reside at Derrington*; 2, *Denton*; 3, *Wootton*; 5, *Ham*; 5, *South Barham*; 6, *Breach*; 7, *Roper's Hall*; 8, *Digg's place*.

1 Collard Thomas, gent
Dering Geo Chas Robt, Esq., Barham court
1 Graham Mrs
Harrison Mrs. Shrubbery
Harrison Rev Thos. Nelson
1 Hobday Mrs. school-mistress
Knocker Miss
1 Lavers Mrs Hannah

Long Edw. surgeon, Out Elmstead
National School, John & Jane Carter
Osborne Robt, Steward
Oxenden Sir Hy C. Bart. Broome Pk
Oxenden Geo. Esq., Broome Park
1 Stone Thos. cooper

Inns and Taverns.

Duke of Cumberland, Chas Hornsby
Horse Head, Jas Quedsted

Beerhouses.
1 Hobday Richard
1 Page Josiah

Bakers.
1 File George
Lawrence Edw
1 Stone Wm Hy
1 West John

Blacksmiths.
1 Quedsted Thos Edw
Reakes James

Bricklayers.
1 Cooper Richard
1 Munn Wm
2 Webb Chas
Winch Robert

Butchers.
1 Marshall John
1 Webb Thos

Carpenter & Wheelwrights.
3 Brice Thos

1 Inge Hy May
Page Geo
2 Quedsted Matthew

Corn Millers.
1 File Geo
Lawrence Edw

Farmers.
4 Bass Bromley
5 Colyer Chas
6 Fagg Wm
1 Etherstone Wm
5 File Israel
File Stephen
6 Gosby Clement
Harvey Alfred
1 Hobday Rd. (coal dlr)
Hodge Montague, (and parish clerk)
1 Munn Jas
Sankey John C
1 Webb Thos
1 Winch Thos (& brick-maker)

Grocers.
Hobday Wm Hy
1 Hobday Wm (& drpr)
Miles Clarissa
1 West John

Saddlers.
1 Butler Alfred
1 Butler Wm

Shoemakers.
Culmer Wm
1 Hobday Wm
Miles Henry
1 Page John
1 Page Wm

Shopkeepers.
2 Cheeseman Wm
Fagg Wm
1 Miles James

Tailors and Drapers
Allen Valentine
1 Colyer Hy (& hatter)

BISHOPBOURNE PARISH.

BISHOPBOURNE, parish and small pleasant village, situated 4 miles S.E. by S. from Canterbury, was anciently called *Burnes* from the bourn or stream which rises in it, being the head of the Lesser Stour; and had the name of Bishopbourne from its belonging to the Archbishop, and to distinguish it from the several other parishes of the same name in this neighbourhood. The parish contains 1,988 acres of land, of which about 40 acres are in hop plantations and upwards of 400 acres in woodland. The Lesser Stour has its source westward of the church, in the grounds of Bourne Place, directing its course from hence to Littleborne, Ickham, and Wickham, till it joins the Greater Stour river. The valley from this source of the bourn upwards is dry, except after great rains or thaws of snow, when the springs of the Nailbourn occasionally overflow at Liminge and Elham, and directing their course through this parish, descend into the head of the bourn and blend their waters with it. In 1841, there were 71 houses and 334 inhabitants. Population, in 1801, 242; in 1831, 358. Rateable value, £1,769. The principal landowners are Matthew Bell, Esq., Marchioness of Conyngham, and F. M. Mulcaster, Esq.

THE CHURCH, dedicated to St. Mary, is a spacious and handsome building, with nave, chancel, side aisle, and a tower steeple at the west end, in which are four bells. The chancel contains some very elaborate and beautiful workmanship in carved oak, and the window is richly decorated with stained glass, illustrative of Scripture history. In the south wall, above the capital of the pillar opposite the pulpit, is a recess in

which once stood the image of the Virgin Mary, the patron saint of this church, to which William Hawte, Esq., by his will, 1462, among the rest of his relics, gave a piece of the stone on which the Archangel Gabriel descended when he saluted her, for this image to rest its feet upon. A monument in the chancel remembers the pious and celebrated William Hooker, who died in 1600; he was rector of this parish, and is represented with a black gown and square cap. The living is a rectory in the patronage of the Archbishop of Canterbury and enjoyed by the Hon. and Rev. William Eden. The Chapel of Barham was separated by order in Council in 1845, when the tithes upon 804 acres of land, commuted for £224, were decreed to the Rector of this parish. The tithes of Bishopbourne were commuted in 1840 for £500.

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL, a small building, has an average attendance of about 40 scholars.

The mansion of **BOURNE PLACE**, delightfully situated on a gentle acclivity, commands beautiful views, and is surrounded with luxuriant foliage and noble timber. It is approached on each side by lofty avenues of lime and elm trees, and in front of the mansion is a fine sheet of water: in digging to form this artificial sheet of water, several ancient coins, and a glass vessel, twelve inches high and nine inches in diameter, were found. During the present year, the mansion will undergo a complete renovation and will be considerably improved. The park contains upwards of 300 acres of land, a fine, undulating district, richly clothed with woody scenery. The mansion is now the seat and property of Matthew Bell, Esq., the lord of the manor.

CHARLTON HOUSE, a handsome mansion, the property and occasional residence of F. M. Mulcaster, Esq., is situated in the eastern part of this parish.

CHARITY.—The Parliamentary Returns of 1786, state that Elizabeth Corbett gave a house and land to the poor, then let for £3 per annum. The premises are usually occupied by old persons put in by the parish officers.

Bell Matthew, Esq. Bourne place	Duffell John, gentleman
Bigg Thomas, Esq. Oswalds	Harvey John, farmer, Cold harbour
Eden Hon & Rev Wm. Rectory	Hogben & Maxted, blacksmiths
Mulcaster Frdk M. Esq. Charlton hs	Horn Henry, farmer, Lenhall
Bass James, farmer, Park	Kite Wm. farmer, Woodgate
Castle Jas. shoemaker & shopkeeper	Ladd Mrs H
Child John, grocer & beer retailer	Russell John, shopkeeper
Dowsett Chs Finch, frmr. Court lodge	Sayer Wm. carpenter

KINGSTON PARISH.

KINGSTON is a small parish and pleasant village $5\frac{1}{4}$ miles S.E. b S. from Canterbury, which contains 1,510 acres of land. The soil from the vale towards the downs is mostly poor, being chalk, and covered with flints; but the upland part of the downs, inclines to loam, and is more fertile. The Little Stour intersects this parish, but the bed of the river

is grown over with grass, and it is two years since the water flowed here. In 1841, there were 63 houses and 310 inhabitants; population in 1801, 197; in 1831, 282. The landowners are the Marchioness of Conyngnam, Lady Montresor, Sir John Bridges, Bart, J. P. Plumtre, Esq., M.P., John Every, Esq., Mr. J. M. Wood, Mr. Edmund File, Mr. R. Gardiner, and the trustees of Harris's charity.

THE CHURCH, dedicated to St. Giles, a small ancient fabric, consists of nave, chancel, and one aisle, with a tower at the west end; the interior is exceedingly neat and clean, and among other memorials contains thirteen handsome marble tablets. Several gravestones in different parts of the church have been robbed of their brasses. The living is a rectory, valued in the King's books at £16, and enjoyed by the Rev. Thomas Bartlett. The patronage has always been appendant to the manor, and so continues at this time, Sir J. Bridges, Bart., being the patron of it. The tithes were commuted in 1840 for £600.

BARHAM DOWNS, a place well known in all parts of this country, is a range of upland pasture ground of considerable extent, stretching for about four miles in length, and in general about half a mile wide. On that part of the downs within this parish are many remains of Cæsar's works, particularly one of his small advance camps, made square with the corners a little rounded. It lies on the slope of the hill facing Kingston Church to the south west: from this camp outward their continue several lines of entrenchments, contiguous to which are numbers of *tumuli* or barrows interspersed over the downs. The Rev. Mr. Faussett opened upwards of 300 of these small *tumuli*, and greatly enriched his valuable collection of Roman antiquities with the contents of them. The Roman military way, or Watling street, runs along the lower side of the downs, in a straight line from Canterbury to Dover. It is composed of the soil of the country chalk and flints blended together, and is at this time the greatest part of it entire, being made use of as the common high road.

ILEDEN, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile N.E. from the church, is a handsome modern building, the seat of Lord Albert D. Conyngnam, Esq., M.P. **DENNEHILL** is a handsome mansion, pleasantly situated two miles E. from the church, the seat of Lady Montresor.

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Montresor Lady, Denne hill	Lansdell Maria, schoolmistress
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BRIDGE PARISH.

BRIDGE is a parish and respectable village, pleasantly situated on the Dover-road, 3 miles S.E. of Canterbury, which was so considerable in early times as to give name both to the hundred and deanery in which it is situated, it is intersected by the river Stour, over which there is a bridge here, and contains 1,169 acres of land; in 1841, there were 134 houses and 817 inhabitants; population in 1801, 325; in 1831, 543; rateable value: £2,957. The principal land owners are the Marchioness of Conyngham, Matthew Bell, Esq., Lord Sondes, Rev. Edward Gregory, and Mr. Daniel Austen. The vicarial tithes were commuted in 1841 for £201, and the rectorial for £306 2s. 11d. The church, dedicated to St. Peter, is an edifice with nave, chancel, side aisles, and north transept, with a spire steeple at the south-east corner, in which are three bells: under a circular arch against the north wall of the chancel are two rows of small imagery, beautifully carved in stone, the uppermost representing God the Father, with several figures on each side—the lower one contains symbolical figures from the Old Testament, underneath is the figure of a man lying at full length, with his hands joined and uplifted. Another monument has the figure of a scull, with a snake entering in at one eye, and a hand with a finger pointing up to it, as if it had been the cause of the person's death; on the south side of the chancel is a circular arched doorway with Saxon ornaments. The parish register contains many entries from the year 1580 to 1660. The living has always been esteemed as a chapel to Patricbourne, and as such is included in that valuation. The Rev. John Stevenson is the incumbent, and the Marchioness of Conyngham is patron and impropiator. The WESLEYAN METHODISTS have a small chapel in the village. The FREE SCHOOL is principally supported by subscriptions. There is also an INFANT SCHOOL, which is chiefly supported by Mrs. Gregory.

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BEREACRE, now called GREAT AND LITTLE BARAKERS, is another manor, which anciently had owners of the same name.

THE BRIDGE POOR LAW UNION, situated $\frac{1}{4}$ mile N. from the church, comprehends 22 parishes, with an area of 37,113 acres, and a population of 10,943 souls. The Union House is a spacious brick fabric, built in 1835, at a cost of £4,500, for the accommodation of 350 inmates; additions and alterations have since made the total cost of the building upwards of £5,000. The board consists of twenty-two guardians, and four ex-officio guardians: *Chairman*, Charles Collard, Esq.; *Surgeons*, Mr. A. Sicard, Mr. William Sankey, Mr. Thomas Sankey Cooper, Mr. Robert Cooper Kersey, Mr. Frederick Harvey Sankey, and Mr. Edward Long; *Relieving Officer*, Mr. Charles Holman; *Clerk*, Mr. William Porth. The parishes comprised in the Union are—Adisham, Barham, Beakesbourne, Bishopsbourne, Bridge, Chartham, Fordwich, Harbledown, Hardres Lower, Hardres Upper, Ickham, Kingstone, Littlebourne, Nackington, Patricbourne, Petham, Stodmarsh, Thanington Waltham, Westgate-without, Wickhambreux, and Womenswold. Average weekly cost of the in-door paupers for the quarter ending Michaelmas 1847, 3s. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. of which sum 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. was for clothing.

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Andrews Mrs Eleanor	Johnson Thomas, corn miller
Beazley Mrs S	Lansberry John, gent.
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The **MANOR** and seat of **BARHAM COURT**, about the year 1734, was carried in marriage to the Dering family, in whose inheritance it still continues, and is now the residence of George Charles Robert Dering, Esq.

The **MANOR OF BROOME** was anciently held by the family of Diggs, of whom it was purchased by Basil Dixwell, Esq., who having built a handsome mansion for his residence on this manor, removed hither in 1622. Sir Basil Dixwell, Bart., who died in 1750, devised this among the rest of his estates to his kinsman, George Oxenden, Esq., with an injunction for him to take the name and arms of Dixwell, in whose family the inheritance of it still continues. **BROOME MANSTON** is a handsome building in the Elizabethan style, erected by Inigo Jones, and situated $1\frac{1}{4}$ mile S.E. from Barham, in a delightful park, comprising upwards of 400 acres of land. It is now the residence of George Oxenden, Esq., and occasional seat of Sir Henry Oxenden, Bart. **SHELVING** is a manor here. **DERRINGTON**, a village, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile S.W. from the church, contains nearly half the population of the parish.

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1 Collard Thomas, gent	Long Edw. surgeon, Out Elmstead
Dering Geo Chas Robt, Esq., Barham court	<i>National School</i> , John & Jane Carter
1 Graham Mrs	Osborne Robt, Steward
Harrison Mrs. Shrubby	Oxenden Sir Hy C. Bart. Broome Pk
Harrison Rev Thos. Nelson	Oxenden Geo. Esq., Broome Park
1 Hobday Mrs. school-mistress	1 Stone Thos. cooper
Knocker Miss	Inns and Taverns.
1 Lavers Mrs Hannah	Duke of Cumberland, Chas Hornsby
	Horse Head, Jas Quested

Beerhouses.	1 Inge Hy May	Grocers.
1 Hobday Richard	Page Geo	Hobday Wm Hy
1 Page Josiah	2 Quested Matthew	1 Hobday Wm (& drpr)
	Corn Millers.	Miles Clarissa
Bakers.	1 File Geo	1 West John
1 File George	Lawrence Edw	Saddlers.
Lawrence Edw	Farmers.	1 Butler Alfred
1 Stone Wm Hy	4 Bass Bromley	1 Butler Wm
1 West John	5 Colyer Chas	Shoemakers.
Blacksmiths.	6 Fagg Wm	Culmer Wm
1 Quested Thos Edw	1 Etherstone Wm	1 Hobday Wm
Reakes James	5 File Israel	Miles Henry
Bricklayers.	File Stephen	1 Page John
1 Cooper Richard	6 Gosby Clement	1 Page Wm
1 Munn Wm	Harvey Alfred	Shopkeepers.
2 Webb Chas	1 Hobday Rd. (coal dlr)	2 Cheeseman Wm
Winch Robert	Hodge Montague, (and parish clerk)	Fagg Wm
Butchers.	1 Munn Jas	1 Miles James
1 Marshall John	Sankey John C	Tailors and Drapers
1 Webb Thos	1 Webb Thos	Allen Valentine
Carpenter & Wheelwrights.	1 Winch Thos (& brick-maker)	1 Colyer Hy (& hatter)
3 Brice Thos		

BISHOPBOURNE PARISH.

BISHOPBOURNE, parish and small pleasant village, situated 4 miles S.E. by S. from Canterbury, was anciently called *Burnes* from the bourn or stream which rises in it, being the head of the Lesser Stour; and had the name of Bishopbourne from its belonging to the Archbishop, and to distinguish it from the several other parishes of the same name in this neighbourhood. The parish contains 1,988 acres of land, of which about 40 acres are in hop plantations and upwards of 400 acres in woodland. The Lesser Stour has its source westward of the church, in the grounds of Bourne Place, directing its course from hence to Littleborne, Ickham, and Wickham, till it joins the Greater Stour river. The valley from this source of the bourn upwards is dry, except after great rains or thaws of snow, when the springs of the Nailbourn occasionally overflow at Liminge and Elham, and directing their course through this parish, descend into the head of the bourn and blend their waters with it. In 1841, there were 71 houses and 334 inhabitants. Population, in 1801, 242; in 1831, 358. Rateable value, £1,769. The principal landowners are Matthew Bell, Esq., Marchioness of Conyngham, and F. M. Mulcaster, Esq.

THE CHURCH, dedicated to St. Mary, is a spacious and handsome building, with nave, chancel, side aisle, and a tower steeple at the west end, in which are four bells. The chancel contains some very elaborate and beautiful workmanship in carved oak, and the window is richly decorated with stained glass, illustrative of Scripture history. In the south wall, above the capital of the pillar opposite the pulpit, is a recess in

which once stood the image of the Virgin Mary, the patron saint of this church, to which William Hawte, Esq., by his will, 1462, among the rest of his relics, gave a piece of the stone on which the Archangel Gabriel descended when he saluted her, for this image to rest its feet upon. A monument in the chancel remembers the pious and celebrated William Hooker, who died in 1600; he was rector of this parish, and is represented with a black gown and square cap. The living is a rectory in the patronage of the Archbishop of Canterbury and enjoyed by the Hon. and Rev. William Eden. The Chapel of Barham was separated by order in Council in 1845, when the tithes upon 864 acres of land, commuted for £224, were decreed to the Rector of this parish. The tithes of Bishopbourne were commuted in 1840 for £500.

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL, a small building, has an average attendance of about 40 scholars.

The mansion of **BOURNE PLACE**, delightfully situated on a gentle acclivity, commands beautiful views, and is surrounded with luxuriant foliage and noble timber. It is approached on each side by lofty avenues of lime and elm trees, and in front of the mansion is a fine sheet of water: in digging to form this artificial sheet of water, several ancient coins, and a glass vessel, twelve inches high and nine inches in diameter, were found. During the present year, the mansion will undergo a complete renovation and will be considerably improved. The park contains upwards of 300 acres of land, a fine, undulating district, richly clothed with woody scenery. The mansion is now the seat and property of Matthew Bell, Esq., the lord of the manor.

CHARLTON HOUSE, a handsome mansion, the property and occasional residence of F. M. Mulcaster, Esq., is situated in the eastern part of this parish.

CHARITY.—The Parliamentary Returns of 1786, state that Elizabeth Corbett gave a house and land to the poor, then let for £3 per annum. The premises are usually occupied by old persons put in by the parish officers.

Bell Matthew, Esq. Bourne place	Duffell John, gentleman
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Eden Hon & Rev Wm. Rectory	Hogben & Maxted, blacksmiths
Mulcaster Frdk M. Esq. Charlton hs	Horn Henry, farmer, Lenhall
Bass James, farmer, Park	Kite Wm. farmer, Woodgate
Castle Jas. shoemaker & shopkeeper	Ladd Mrs H
Child John, grocer & beer retailer	Russell John, shopkeeper
Dowsett Chs Finch, frmr. Court lodge	Sayer Wm. carpenter

KINGSTON PARISH.

KINGSTON is a small parish and pleasant village $5\frac{1}{4}$ miles S.E. b S. from Canterbury, which contains 1,510 acres of land. The soil from the vale towards the downs is mostly poor, being chalk, and covered with flints; but the upland part of the downs, inclines to loam, and is more fertile. The Little Stour intersects this parish, but the bed of the river

is grown over with grass, and it is two years since the water flowed here. In 1841, there were 63 houses and 310 inhabitants; population in 1801, 197; in 1831, 282. The landowners are the Marchioness of Conyngham, Lady Montresor, Sir John Bridges, Bart, J. P. Plumtre, Esq., M.P., John Every, Esq., Mr. J. M. Wood, Mr. Edmund File, Mr. R. Gardiner, and the trustees of Harris's charity.

THE CHURCH, dedicated to St. Giles, a small ancient fabric, consists of nave, chancel, and one aisle, with a tower at the west end; the interior is exceedingly neat and clean, and among other memorials contains thirteen handsome marble tablets. Several gravestones in different parts of the church have been robbed of their brasses. The living is a rectory, valued in the King's books at £16, and enjoyed by the Rev. Thomas Bartlett. The patronage has always been appendant to the manor, and so continues at this time, Sir J. Bridges, Bart., being the patron of it. The tithes were commuted in 1840 for £500.

BARHAM DOWNS, a place well known in all parts of this country, is a range of upland pasture ground of considerable extent, stretching for about four miles in length, and in general about half a mile wide. On that part of the downs within this parish are many remains of Cæsar's works, particularly one of his small advance camps, made square with the corners a little rounded. It lies on the slope of the hill facing Kingston Church to the south west: from this camp outward their continue several lines of entrenchments, contiguous to which are numbers of *tumuli* or barrows interspersed over the downs. The Rev. Mr. Faussett opened upwards of 300 of these small *tumuli*, and greatly enriched his valuable collection of Roman antiquities with the contents of them. The Roman military way, or Watling street, runs along the lower side of the downs, in a straight line from Canterbury to Dover. It is composed of the soil of the country chalk and flints blended together, and is at this time the greatest part of it entire, being made use of as the common high road.

ILEDEN, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile N.E. from the church, is a handsome modern building, the seat of Lord Albert D. Conyngham, Esq., M.P. **DENNEHILL** is a handsome mansion, pleasantly situated two miles E. from the church, the seat of Lady Montresor.

The Parliamentary Returns of 1786 state that *John Turner* gave a rent-charge of £6 10s. for bread to the poor of this parish, then vested in Watinkson Payler. Since the estate passed out of the Payler family, the succeeding proprietor has refused to continue the payment.

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Gardner Robert, farmer, Kingston ct	White Edw. farmer, Pheasant Hall
	Wood John, farmer, West Wood

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Illustrated at this stage is a complete mid-nineteenth-century entry for the village of Bridge.

<p>BRIDGE derives its name from its situation in a valley on the Roman and modern road to Dover, at a bridge over a feeder of the Stour. It is in the hundred of Bridge and Petham, and union of Bridge, lathes of St. Augustine, Canterbury county court district, diocese and archdeaconry, Bridge deanery, 3 miles south of Canterbury, with a population, in 1851, of 864, and an area of 1,161 acres. The Union workhouse contained 241 inmates out of this number. The church of St. Peter consists of three aisles, a high chancel,</p>		<p>and a north transept or chancel, in the centre of the north of the aisle. The living is a perpetual curacy annexed to Patricbourne vicarage, joint annual value £350, in the patronage of the Dowager Marchioness of Conyngham; the Rev. John Stevenson, M.A., is the incumbent. There is a National school, and a Literary and Scientific Institution for Bridge and Patricbourne. In the neighbourhood are several gentlemen's seats.</p>
<p>PRIVATE RESIDENTS. Aldworth Rev. St. Ledger, M.A. Boyack Mrs Edling Mrs Elgar Mrs Farrer Mr. Thomas Gregory Mrs Jarvis Mr. Henry Jarvis Mrs Johnson Mrs Kingsford Rev. Brenchley, M.A. [curate of Bishopsbourne] Lansberry Mrs Martin Mr Pitcock Thomas, esq Pratt Lieut. David Smith Rev. Isaac [curate] Stevenson Rev. John, M.A. [incumbent], Patricbourne Winter Capt. Charles</p>	<p>COMMERCIAL. Adams George, farmer Banks Robert Young, linendraper Barter John, butcher Colegate Richd. bullder & wheelwright Collard Thomas, tailor Collins John, farmer, Petthouse farm Davis John, grocer Dutnall William, brickmaker Eyers Joseph, <i>Red Lion</i> Fagg Thomas, blacksmith Finch William, boot & shoe maker Freer Fanny (Miss), seminary Fryer George, miller Hardeman William, watchmaker & agent to the Kent fire & life office Hodges Charles, butcher Homans William, builder & registrar of births, deaths & marriages Hornsby Charles Fortescue, <i>White Horse</i> Huxstep Gilbert, farmer</p>	<p>PERKHOUS is half a mile west; Ronwell, 1 north-west. Jarvis Ann (Mrs.), butcher Kelsey George, farmer Knight George, shoemaker Lawrence Job, grocer Marsh James, farmer Martin John, a Miller Moss Alfred, grocer & baker Mutton Richard, ale & porter brewer, wholesale & retail Sayer William, plumber & glazier Sherrard Richard, postmaster Sicard Amelius, surgeon Steed John, grazier Thomas James, chemist Verrier William Curling, plumber & hop bag manufacturer Wells Richard, master of National schtl White Thomas, boot & shoe maker White William, farmer Williams Daniel, greengrocer Wills Richard, baker</p>
<p>POST OFFICE.—Richard Sherrard, receiver. Letters from London arrive from Canterbury by mail cart at 7 a.m. & dispatched at 8 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Canterbury</p>	<p>PUBLIC OFFICERS:— Clerk to the Union, William Torth</p>	<p><i>Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages</i>, Wm. Homans. <i>National School</i>, Richard Wells, master; Mrs. Sophia Sayer, mistress <i>Union Warehouse</i>, James Betts, master Omnibuses & Carriers to Canterbury & Dover pass through daily</p>

Source: Post Office Directory of the Six Home Counties (1859), 468.

It has been selected from one of several trade directories which have been consulted for this chapter. It helps to set the scene for the later 1850's by offering a general description of Bridge as a parochial community. Considered in isolation it represents no more than a static picture for 1859. Similar and sometimes fuller and more historical accounts can be gleaned from guidebooks, histories and almanacs. (8) Of equal or greater informative value are the lists of "private residents" and those in commerce and trades which follow the opening descriptive and topographical paragraphs. This format or arrangement of entry remained unchanged throughout the period covered by this chapter and was equally applicable to other towns and villages throughout the country.

The historial value of trade directories with particular reference to Sussex has recently been assessed as follows by John Farrant.

"For the social historian they can indicate the internal structures of communities; for the economic historian the relative and changing importance of occupations and industries may be revealed....In few instances are directories undoubtedly better in quality of information than other sources: census enumerators' tallies are more comprehensive and probably more

Bridge Population statistics

1801	325	1861	893	1921	699	1991
1811	397	1871	941	1931	713	
1821	432	1881	857	1951	703	
1831	543	1891	850	1961	761	✓
1841	817	1901	775	1971	1225	
1851	864	1911	823	1981	1272	

Bagshaw's Directory 1847

Post Office at Mr Richard Sherrard's ✓
 Andrews, Mrs Eleanor
 Beazley, Mrs S
 Bettison, Wm Geo :Gent
 Bing, Wm B :Commercial Traveller
 Boysack, Mrs D :Ladies bdg school
 Chapman, Mr Wm
 Colegate, Fdck :Carpenter & Builder
 Collard, Thomas :Tailor
 Fagg, Thomas :Blacksmith ✓
 Fisenden, Peter :Gent
 Gambrill, Mr John
 Gregory, Rev Edward :Bridge Hill House
 Hardeman, Wm :Watch & Clockmaker & Parish Clerk
 Hills, Henry :Draper
 Johnson, Thomas :Corn Miller
 Lansberry, John :Gent
 Martin, John & Son :Saddlers
 Pittock, Wm :Gent
 Pratt, Lieut. David
 Richards, Wm :Schoolmaster
 Sicard, A :Surgeon ✓
 Thomas, James :Chemist
 Williams, Daniel :Shopkeeper
 Williams, Wm :Brewer & Beerhouse
 Winter, Capt. :Bridge Hill ✓

Inns and Taverns

Red Lion: Joseph Eyres ✓
 White Horse: Richard Sherrard ✓

Bakers

Turner, Thomas
 Wills, Richard

Boot & Shoemakers

Robinson, Henry
 White, Thomas

Butchers

Hodges, Charles
 Jervis, Henry
 Jervis, Richard

Farmers

Brice, Richard :Bridge Place ✓
 Huxstep, Wm
 Richardson, James

Grocers

Cozens, Richard
 Davis, Charles
 Lawrence, J & bricklayer

Plumbers & Painters

Sayer, Wm
 Verrier, Wm
