

# Kelly's 1889

**BRANSTON** is a large village and parish, 4 miles south-east from Lincoln, and one south from Branston and Heighington station on the Spalding and Doncaster extension of the Great Northern and Great Eastern railways, in the county of the city of Lincoln, Sleaford division of the county, parts of Lindsey, Lincoln union, liberty and county court district, Lincoln (South) petty sessional division, rural deanery of Longoboby, archdeaconry and diocese of Lincoln. A small stream called The Beck flows through the parish. The church of All Saints is a building of stone, in the Early Norman and Early English styles, consisting of chancel, clerestoried nave, aisles, south porch and an embattled western tower, with pinnacles and lofty spire, containing a clock with two dials and 4 bells: the chancel arch affords a very fine example of Early English work, the clerestory and roof are Perpendicular: the chancel has triple sedilia, and a piscina of the Early English period: in the north aisle is a very fine monument to Sir Cecil Wray bart. *d. May, 1736*, and dame Mary (Harrison), his wife, and also to the Vere and Bertie families: a large vestry was erected in 1836 by the Rev. Peregrine Curtois, father of the present rector: the chancel was rebuilt in 1864 by the Rev. Atwell Curtois, then rector, and contains a slab of Purbeck marble, with a beautiful cross and inscription to Richard de Thistleton, formerly of this parish: the interior was thoroughly restored in 1876, under the superintendence of the late Sir George Gilbert Scott B.A. at a cost of £2,000, when the tower arch was

opened, a new north aisle erected, and the seating in part renewed: there are 450 sittings. The register dates from about the year 1626. The living is a rectory, tithed rent-charge £203, net yearly value £649, including 630 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of and held since 1838 by the Rev. Peregrine Curtois LL.B. of Trinity Hall, Cambridge: this family have held the advowson for about 200 years. The rectory house was built in 1765 by the late Rev. P. H. Curtois, grandfather of the present rector. Divine service is conducted by the rector in the National schoolroom at the Fen once every Sunday. The Wesleyan chapel, erected at a cost of £1,100, is a building of local stone, in the Gothic style, and has 300 sittings. There is a sum of £36 yearly for apprenticing, arising from land left in 1619 by Thomas Garritt esq.: the charities for distribution produce £65 yearly, derived also from land left by Thomas Garritt esq. Branston Hall, the seat of Alexander S. Leslie-Melville esq. D.L., J.P. is a spacious building of stone, near a woody vale: in the grounds are two small lakes. Long Hills, situated about a mile from the village, is a mansion of stone, erected in 1838 on the site of an ancient house, and is the property of R. Smith esq. but now unoccupied. The land is all freehold. The principal landowners are the Rector, Alexander Samuel Leslie-Melville esq. D.L., J.P. Richard Coupland Bergho-Coupland esq. J.P., D.L. of Skellingthorpe Hall, Henry Grimes esq. Mrs. A. R. Allenby, Charles Sampson Dickinson esq. R. Smith esq. the Ecclesiastical Commis-

sioners and John Richard Battle esq. J.P. of Potter Hanworth. The soil is various; subsoil, limestone. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 5,457 acres, now in a good state of cultivation; rateable value, £8,541; the population in 1881 was 1,431.

Parish Clerks, William Brown and John Pearson.

Post, M. O. & T. O., S. B. & Annuity & Insurance Office.—William Green Marshall, sub-postmaster. Letters received from Lincoln by mail cart at 7.20 a.m. & 2.45 p.m.; dispatched to Lincoln at 11.45 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.

Curtois Major Chasancey, Rectory  
Curtois Rev. Peregrine LL.B. [rector],  
Rectory  
Curtois Arthur, Rectory  
Leslie-Melville Alexander Samuel D.L.,  
J.P. Branston hall  
May Samuel, Sydney house  
Roughton Rev. Quintus Ernest B.A.  
[curate]  
Wild Herbert Peters  
COMMERCIAL.  
Alcock Joseph, farmer  
Alcock Samuel, farmer, Fen  
Appleton John Wm. farmer, Morelands  
Applewhite Wm. tailor & shopkeeper  
Atkin John, blacksmith  
Bee Preston, farmer, Fen  
Broughton William, farmer, Moor  
Brown William, carpenter  
Burchall Rd. Wm. frmr, Rectory farm  
Chaloner Thomas, saddler & harness ma  
Colson Eliza (Miss), Plough F.H. Fen  
Cook John Willmott, builder  
Cooling William, shoe maker  
Cran Edward, market gardener

Dowlman Samuel, farmer, Fen  
Dickinson Charles Sampson, farmer &  
landowner, Ashfield house  
Drayton Jn. Plough & Horses inn, & butchr  
East Alfred, farm bailiff to the exors. of  
Mrs. Auckland  
Flintham John, farmer, Fen  
Foreman George, Anchor F.H. Fen  
[Letters through Bardney]  
Freeman Ann (Mrs.), shopkeeper  
Green George, tailor  
Green Joseph, farmer, Moor  
Green William, farmer, Fen heads  
Green William Rose, farmer, Fen  
Greenham Joseph, builder  
Grimes Henry, farmer & landowner  
Grimes William, assistant overseer  
Healey Alfred, brewer  
Hunt John William, carrier  
Kettleborough Robert, farm bailiff for  
Mr. Paddison  
Kettleborough Thomas, machine owner  
Knott Thomas, shoe maker  
Marshall William Green, draper, gro-  
cer, & post office

## Schools:—

National (mixed), built in 1873, on a site given by the rector, by public subscription, at a cost of £1,266, to hold 140 children; average attendance, 95; Edwin Beavers, master

Infants', erected in 1841, for 72 children; average attend-  
ance, 60; Miss M. J. Barraclough, mistress

National (mixed), Fen, supported by the rector, to hold 50  
children; average attendance, 25; Miss Ann Elizabeth  
Green, mistress

CARRIER.—John William Hunt, to & from Lincoln, every  
mon. fri. & sat.; William R. Green, fri

Nelstrop Robert, farmer, Heath farm  
Newton John, farmer, Moor  
Odling Charles, farmer, Moor  
Oliver Henry, farmer, Fen  
Oxby John, farmer, Fen  
Parker Robert, cattle dealer  
Parker Susannah Minnett (Mrs.), shop-  
keeper & beer retailer  
Pearson Charles, blacksmith  
Pearson John, wheelwright  
Pepper George, Green Tree F.H. Fen  
Rollins John, farmer, Fen  
Sands Charles, farmer, Moor  
Smith John Metcalf (exors. of), farmers  
& landowners, The Woods  
Sparrow Charles, blacksmith  
Spurr Thomas, boot maker  
Taylor John, farmer & machine owner  
Todd James, Waggon & Horses F.H.  
Ward James, farmer, Fen  
Weaver Thomas, tailor  
Wilkinson Robert, farmer, Fen  
Williams Henry, grocer & draper  
Woolfitt William, miller (wind)  
Wrench William, farmer, Fen