

AN OUTLINE OF 19th. CENTURY CLAXBY HISTORY.

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1801. Population ... 136

1811 Population ... 159

Before 1813 Claxby parish had joined CAISTOR SOCIETY OF INDUSTRY (founded by William Dixon of Holton le Moor): Claxby could send its poor to the Workhouse (House of Industry) on Caistor Moor

1821 Population 184.

1829 A Day School & a Sunday School are started.

1831 Population 205

1835 Education Enquiry: "One Daily School, in which 10 males & 13 females receive instruction at the expense of their parents. One Sunday School. — with 12 males and 4 females, who are taught gratuitously; these Schools commenced in 1829."

1836 First Wesleyan Methodist Chapel erected.

1837 Claxby becomes part of CAISTOR POOR LAW UNION (one of 76 parishes)

1841 Population ... 220

1847 Claxby TITHES AWARD. Tithes commuted to an annual Tithe Rent payable to the Rector £304 (increased to £567 by 1856: White's Directory)

1851 Population ... 262 (highest population until Ironstone Mines start)

1851 Religious Census. Attendance at Wesleyan chapel ... 75 in general congregation plus 40 Sunday School pupils. St. Mary's Church ... usual attendance about 60. (No Primitive Methodist chapel yet built).

1856. Joint annual value of Church livings — Claxby & Normandy — £844.

Tithe Rents: — Claxby £567. Normandy £316.

"The School for the two parishes ... is supported by the lord of the manors, and the farmers, who have lately erected a neat house for the master."

(White's Directory. 1856)

1862 Date of building of PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL ... 1862

1861 Population ... 237 (a decrease since 1851)

1868 IRONSTONE MINES begin in Claxby / Normansby

1871 { Population increased to 357 (with influx of Miners).
44 ironstone workers live in Claxby.

1870-71. Major restoration of the dilapidated Church by architect James Fowler of Louth. Rectory house considerably altered and enlarged. Cost of church restoration £1600 "... the Earl of Yarborough (proprietor of all the land except the glebe farm) having given all the new stone and the sand required for the building, in addition to a subscription of £350..."

1871 Church re-opened on 8 June 1871. Large assemblage of clergy & gentry. "At about 10.30 a.m. the Bishop of Lincoln with all the clergy ... perambulated the grounds around the church, being headed by the choir singing hymns..."

1881 Population decreased to 325. Now only 19 ironstone workers in Claxby

1891 Population diminished to 226 (down by 131 from 1871): No miners resident in Claxby.

1894 Parish Councils created.

1901 Population.... 237 [Population in 1981... 162]

1904 New Wesleyan Methodist Chapel built..

HOW MANY PEOPLE IN CLAXBY WERE BORN IN THE PARISH?

	1851	1871	1881	1891
Total Population	262	357	325	226
Number born in Claxby	104 ... 40%	97 ... 27%	107 ... 33%	91 ... 40%
Number born elsewhere in Lincolnshire	140 ... 53%	144 ... 40%	181 ... 56%	116 ... 51%
Number born in other English Counties	15 ... 6%	90 ... 25%	33 ... 10%	17 ... 8%

POPULATION GROWTH & DECLINE : NORMANBY & CLAXBY

	NORMANBY		CLAXBY
1801	77		136
1811	86		159
1821	96		184
1831	122		205
1841	129		220
1851	149		262 *
1861	138		237
71	162 *		357 **
81	142		325
91	139		226
1901	128		237
11	106		202
21	107		206
1931	108		203
1951	99		180
61	87		173
71	85		145
1981	56		162

Normanby smaller in 1981 than in 1801. Consistent decline in population from 162 in 1871 down to 56 in 1981 - a loss of 106 people.

Claxby: A little larger now (1981) than in 1801, but decline of 195 from 357 in 1871 ¹⁶² ¹³⁶