

Edward Poynings, a man much in favour with Henry VIII., died in the 14th year of that reign, and though he left several natural children, it was found by inquisition that he died not only without legitimate issue, but without any collateral kindred who could claim his estates; they, consequently, escheated to the crown.

MINCHIN COURT is an estate which formerly belonged to St. Jacob's Hospital, in Thanington, founded before the reign of King John, for leprous persons. CLAYPITS is a manor situated at the eastern part of parish. BROMLEY GREEN is a small hamlet $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles E. from Shadoxhurst.

CHARITIES.—*Robert Farley*, in 1590, bequeathed 10s. per annum for the use of the poor, out of lands called Checkers. *Michael Poonett*, by will, 1604, gave a piece of land called Bishop's Craught, containing about 4 acres, for the benefit of the poor. The land now produces £2 5s. per annum, which, with Farley's gift, is expended in clothing and given among the most necessitous. This parish is also entitled to partake of the benefit of Curteis's Charity. (See Tenterden Parish.)

Bingham James, blacksmith
Ditton Robert, carpenter
Highfield John, shoemaker

Binghahm Mrs. schoolmistress
Woodgate James, shopkeeper

Farmers. | Brown John | Woodgate John
Bourne Hy Newhouse | Godden Thomas | Woodgate Mary

WOODCHURCH is an extensive parish and small village, round a green, with the church at the north-west side of it, $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles E. from Tenterden. The parish contains 6949 acres of land, mostly a strong clay soil, but in the southern part it is inclined to sand. About 130 acres are in hop cultivation, subject to an extraordinary tithe of 12s. per acre, and 670 acres in woodland. In 1841 there were 230 houses and 1278 inhabitants. Population in 1801, 698; in 1831, 1887: rateable value, £5941 16s. It is situated within the bailiwick of the Seven Hundreds, which claims paramount over the denne of Ilchenden, but the manors of Appledore and Wye claims over some small portions of it.

The CHURCH, dedicated to All Saints, is a large handsome fabric, with nave, chancel, side aisle, and a tower at the west end, surmounted with a spire, in which are six bells; and being seated on an eminence, it is seen at a great distance. It contains many antique monuments, and formerly had the windows richly beautified with stained glass. The fabric has recently been re-pewed with oak, and the floor of the chancel covered with encostic tiling. The living is a rectory, in the patronage of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and incumbency of the Rev. Francis Ballard Wells. The rectory is a neat residence west of the church. The tithes have been commuted for £685.—The Wesleyans have a spacious brick chapel, erected in 1821. The Bryanites have also a small chapel in the village. A National School has recently been built at the north-east corner of the church-yard, with which the ancient Charity School is now incorporated.

The Manor of Townland, *alias* Woodchurch, is subordinate to that of Appledore, and was part of those lands and estates assigned for the defence of Dover Castle. It was afterwards purchased by the Prior and Convent of Leeds, where it remained till the dissolution of that priory in the 31st year of Henry VIII. Thos. Law Hodges, Esq., is now the Lord of the Manor; but John Charles Schreiber, Esq., is the principal landowner, and resides at HENHURST, a mansion in the north-east part of the parish, which formerly had owners of the same name. Mr. Hussey, Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Charles Thomas Bart, and others are also proprietors.

HARLACKENDEN is an ancient seat and manor, which extended over part of the adjoining parish of Shadoxhurst, and was for many generations the seat and property of a family of the same name. Hengham, formerly Engeham, is in the woods, about 1½ mile northward from Woodchurch. A Court Baron was formerly held for this manor. Pterynden, now called Plunden, is situated at the north-west part of the parish; and at an early period had owners of the same name.

RED BROOK-STREET, is a hamlet 1 mile N.W. from Woodchurch and HENHURST, 1 mile N.

CHARITIES.—*Robert Brown*, in 1568, left a rent charge of 28s. yearly, issuing out of certain lands in Woodchurch, for the benefit of the poor. *Sir Edward Hales*, in 1610, conveyed four pieces of land in trust, the yearly revenue to be distributed among the aged and impotent poor. The land is called the Legge Farm, and comprises about ten acres, let for £12 per annum, which is given by the churchwardens among the deserving poor. *Phoebe Goble*, by will 1692, gave £2 per annum out of the Bonny Cravat farm, to be distributed to the poor on the Sunday after old Lady-day. *Thomas Fullager*, by will 1808, gave a rent charge of 10s. per annum to be paid every eight year; so much as should be necessary for the repair of the tomb of his late wife, and the headstone of his father, and the residue to be appropriated for the benefit of the poor.

Bird John, gentleman	Parton John, corn miller
Brisenden Dive, beerhouse	Reader Mr. Richard
Chambers Frederick, bricklayer	Rolfe Henry, vict Bonny Cravat
Durrant William, gentleman	Schreiber Jhn Chas. Esq. Henhurst
Fuggle Richard, gentleman	Thurston Wm. plumber & glazier
Hixson George, blacksmith	Turner Daniel, saddler
Hughes Mary, brick & tile maker	Waters John, bookbinder & stationer
Jinkings John A. surgeon	Wells Mr William
Mills William, gentleman	Wells Rev Francis B. rectory

Academies.	Hart Frederick	Farmers.
Ladd Mary	Wanstall Mark	Austen John
<i>National</i> , G. Mannering		Baker William
& E E Ransom	Butchers.	Banks Georgy
Smeeth Wm. (boarding)	Holyer George	Barman Thomas
Bakers.	Owen Thomas	Butcher Richard
Balcombe Henry	Carpenters.	Butler John
Funnel William	Betts Richard	Button Peter
Boot and Shoemkrs.	Bourne John	Catt Thomas
Barman Alfred	Pearson George	Cloute Rd Jeffrey

Davis James
 Davis John
 East Thomas
 Fullager Henry
 Gower Watches
 Hart Richard
 Hixson Samuel
 Hook Harry
 Hook William
 Hughes John
 Kingsnorth Joseph
 Mannering John
 Markwick Thomas
 Morphett Walter
 Ottaway John Charles

Owen Dive
 Read James
 Seelly Robert
 Virtue Saml. steward
 Walter Thomas
 Weeks William
 Wells Henry
 Worger William

Grocers.

Hughes Elizabeth
 Bright John
 Fuggle Henry

Wheelwrights.

Cobb William

Heathfield Thomas
 Short John, & spoke &
 raft render

Carriers.

Ashford, Thos Hughes,
 Tuesday, Thursday,
 and Saturday
 Maidston, John Hughes
 Thursday
 Rye, John Hughes, Tues-
 day, & Saturday
 Tenterden, J. Hughes,
 Monday Wednesday
 and Friday

THE ROLVENDEN HUNDRED is bounded on the north by the hundreds of Barkley and Cranbrook, on the south by Selbrightenden, and on the east by that of Blackbourne. It comprises the parishes of Benenden and Rolvenden. This hundred in Domesday book is called *Rovindene*.

BENENDEN is an extensive parish and considerable village, 3 miles S.S.E. from Cranbrook, pleasantly situated on high ground near the centre of the parish, which extends from east to west about seven miles, and about four miles from north to south. The parish contains 6,588 acres of fertile land, of which upwards of 500 acres are employed in the cultivation of hops, and about 750 are woodlands, on the south side a strong clay soil prevails, and on the east and north-east a fruitful sandy loam, designated the Hasting sands. It is considered the backbone of the Weald, the water on the south side runs towards the river Rother, and empties itself into Rye harbour, the water on the north side flows into the river Medway. In 1841, the parish had 311 houses, and 1,594 inhabitants: population in 1801, 1,300; in 1831, 1663. Rateable value, £5,099. Thomas Law Hodges, Esq., M.P., is the principal landowner, impropiator, and lord of the manor; T. T. Hodges, Esq., James Morgan, Esq., Earl Cornwallis, J. E. Mace, Esq., George Beard, Esq., Mr. Mears, T. G. Monypenny, Esq., Captain Tweeden, Mr. Adams, and others are also proprietors.

The **CHURCH**, dedicated to St. George, is a venerable fabric, the living of which is a vicarage, valued in the King's books at £17 12s. 6d., now £119, and has been augmented with 200 benefactions and 1,300 Parliamentary grants. Thomas Law Hodges, Esq., is patron, and the Rev. Daniel Boys incumbent. On December 29th, 1672, this church was ruined by a storm of thunder and lightning. It was rebuilt and finished in 1678, and consists of nave, chancel, side aisles, and embattled tower with eight bells and a clock. The present tower was built in 1715, the former one had a spire and stood apart, on the north side of the church. Against the north wall of the chancel is