A MAP OF THE COUNTRY TEN MILES ROUND NEWBURY IN BERKSHIRE, WITH A PLAN OF THE TOWN OF NEWBURY, AND OF SPEENHAMLAND.

Some account of NEWBURY, &c.

The Town of Newbury in Berkshire is situated about 56 miles West of London, and is supposed to have taken its rise from the declension of the Old Roman Town Spinæ, which lay about a mile from it on a Hill where a Village call'd Speen now stands. This must have been many ages ago, as Newbury was in being before the Norman conquest A.D. 1066: at which time (as Camden informs us) it fell to the share of the Earl of Perch.

In 1152 the Inhabitants having revolted from King Stephen, he after a siege of some weeks made himself master of the Town & Castle.

About 150 Years after this, it appears to have been a place of considerable note & trade: for Browne Willis in his Notitia Parliamentaria assures us, that it returnd Nicholas de Everington & John Goldsmith as Burgesses to the Parliament held at London in the 30th Year of the reign of Edward the First A.D. 1302. He also informs us, that it sent Thos. de Chedyndon, Philip Ryce & William Anselin as its Representatives, to a great Council held at Westminster on acco.t of Trade in the 11th Year of Edward the third A.D. 1337.

It may not be improper here to take notice of John Smallwood alias Winchcom, commonly call'd Jack of Newbury, who lived in this town in the reigns of Henry the VII & the VIII, & carried on a large clothing Trade. It is reported, that he kept 100 Looms at work in his own House in making Broad cloth: & in the war against the Scotch in 1513 he join'd the King's Army with 100 of his Workmen, cloath'd & arm'd at his own expence. He built the Tower with all the western part of the Church: & died Feb. 15, 1519; as appears by his Epitaph still remaining in the Church.

About a mile North of this Town, on the brow of a Hill, stand the remains of Donnington Castle, where Geoffrey Chaucer the most celebrated of our antient Poets, spent the last 2 or 3 Years of his life: He died Oct. 25: 1400, in the 72d Year of his Age. This Castle is said to have been built sometime before, by Sr. Richard Adderbury Kn.t who also founded the Almshouses at Donnington.

In the Neighbourhood of this Town there were two considerable Engagements between the Forces of King Charles the first, & those of the Parliament: the first was on a common call'd the Wash on Sep.t 20: 1643, & the other in the Fields between Newbury, Speen and Shaw, on Oct. 27: 1644, in the last of which the King himself was present.

It is not known when Newbury was first Incorporated: but in the Charter granted by Queen Elizabeth, May 28: 1596, it is call'd An antient & populous Borough, which had enjoy'd divers liberties, franchises, immunities & pre-eminencies by the Charters of many of her Ancestors & Predecessors the Kings of England. *The Corporation consists of a Mayor, High Steward, Deputy Steward (or Recorder,) six Aldermen, & Twenty four capital Burgesses. The Mayor is annually chosen on the 21st of Sep.t being St. Matthew's day, & sworn into his office on the Monday following.*

This Town still carries on the clothing Trade, has a very large Market for all sorts of grain on Thursdays, & sends great quantities of Malt and Flower to London; it being situated on the River Kennet, which in 1723 was made navigable to Reading, where it falls into the Thames. It has four Fairs, viz. on Holy Thursday, the 5th of July, the 4th of Sep.t & the 8th of November New Stile. It has also a large hiring Market for Servants, on the 1st Thursday after the 10th of October.

Newbury has but one Parish Church; & is a Rectory in the Gift of the King: the present Rector is the Rev.d Mr. Thos. Penrose M.A. It contains 930 dwelling Houses, & has about 3732 Inhabitants, according to a particular account lately taken: & the number of Burials is on an average about 136 in a Year.

Adjoining to this Town on the North is Speenhamland, thro' which lies the great road from London to Bath & Bristol. It belongs to the Parish of Speen and contains about 130 Houses.

The Toll of Wheat only, which was brought to Newbury Market in the Space of 1 Year: viz from Michaelmas 1765 to D.o 1766, sold for £149 18s 0d, at £11 3s 9d per Load on an average: by which it appears that 17152 Quarters of Wheat paid toll in that Year, the toll being 1 Quart out of every Quarter. But as several estates in the neighbourhood are exempted from the payment of this toll; the Quantity of Wheat brought to this Market is reckoned to be about one sixth part more than what pays toll; & consequently the number of Quarters brought hither in that Year amounted to above Twenty Thousand by the Winchester measure, which is used here, which are equal to more than Twenty two Thousand & Five Hundred Quarters by the present London Measure.

A List of the other Market Towns in this Map & when their Markets & Fairs are kept. *Aldermaston. The Market is Friday; & the Fairs are on May 6th & July 7th and the Monday after Oct. 10th N.S. Hungerford. on Wednesday. & the Fair is on Aug. 10th N.S. Also a large Market for Cattle on the last Wednesday in April N.S. & two large Markets for hiring Servants on the Wednesdays before & after Old Michaelmas Day. East Ilsley (commonly call'd Market Ilsley) on Wednesday: & the Fairs on the Wednesday in Easter Week, on the Wednesday in Whitsun Week: on Aug. 26 N.S. & on Wednesday after Nov. 19 N.S. besides a large hiring Market on the Wednesday after Sep. 29. N.S. Kings-clere; on Tuesday, & the Fairs on the first Tuesday in April, the first Tuesday in June, & the first Tuesday after Old Michaelmas Day; all by the Old Stile. There is also a Fair for Cattle on Mortimer common on November 6. N.S.*

To the Right Honourable
William LORD Craven
the High Steward,
The Worshipful the
MAYOR,
Robert Van Sittart Esq.r the Recorder
THE ALDERMEN
And Capital Burgesses of the Borough of
NEWBURY,
This MAP is dedicated by
their most Humble Servant
John Willis
WEST ILSLEY
EAST ILSLEY
FARNBOROUGH
COMPTON
ALDWORTH
CATMORE
Stanmore
Beddon
Chieveley
North Heath
Prior's Court
Everington
Yattendon
Frilsham
Hampstead Norris
Ashampstead
Souther Edge
Quick Green
Bucklebury
Marlston
Hawkridge
Standford
Chapel Row
Beenham
Thatcham
NEW BURY
Speen
Henwick
Eaton
Boxford
Winter Bourne
Leckhampstead
Brightwalton
Peasmore
Langley
Pitton
Bradfield
Red Hill
Maidenhage
Upper Bucklebury
Frilsham Parish
Bradfield Parish
Bucklebury Parish
Ashampstead Parish
Yattendon Parish
Shaw Parish
Speen Parish
Kintbury
Marsh Benham
Benham Marsh
Benham Farm
Woolhampton
Padworth Mills
Upton Court
Upton
Ashampstead Common
Bucklebury Common
Beenham Field
Beenham & Padworth Lands Intermixed
Ashampstead Common Field
Chiefield
Lower Farm
Newt Field
Thatcham Mill
Newbury Park
Marsh Farm
Lower Farm
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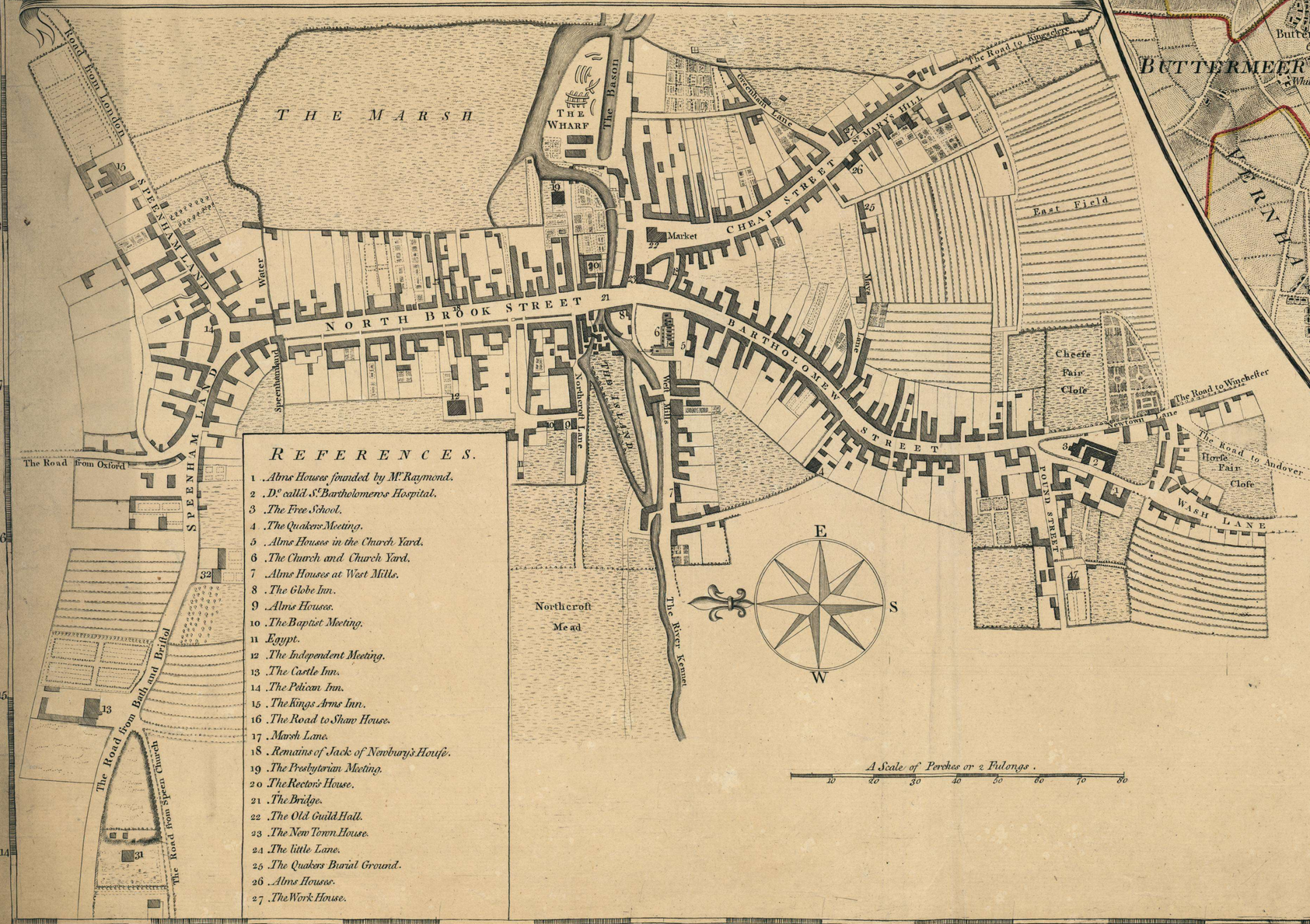
A Particular account of the Principal Gentlemens Houses within ten Miles round Newbury distinguished by the following Marks.

P. Signifies Proprietor of the House & Estate. R. Resident only. But where neither of these letters is added to the Number the Person is then both Proprietor and Resident. M.P. A Member of the House of Commons in the Present Parliament. The Number refers to the place in the Map where his House or Residence is.

Jn.º Ambrose Esq.r Rear Adm.l Earlstone 66.
Sir Geo. Amyand Bar.t Crookham 54.
Sir Jos.h Andrews Bar.t Shaw 36.
Jn.º Pettit Andrews Esq.r The Grove, 33.
Jn.º Archer Esq.r Welford 19.
His Grace the Duke of Bolton Canham Park 76. P.
Mr.s Barton Priors Court 13.
The Hon.ble Peregrine Bertie M.P. Yattendon 16.
The Rev.d Mr. Best Benham 40 R
Lovelace Bigg Esq.r Chilton 25. P.
Mr.s Bigg Chilton 25 R.
The Rev.d Jn.º Bostock D.D. & Canon of Windsor Benham 40 P.
Mr.s Blandy Oak-ash 8.
The Rev.d Rich.d Brickenden D.D. & Rector of Inkpen 56.
Thomas Bullock Esq.r Wasing Place 62 R.
The Rev.d Jn.º Burton D.D. Crux Easton 75 P.
The R.t Hon.ble the Lord Craven Baron of Hampstead Marshall 46 P. Benham Place 20 P.
Ralph Congreve Esq.r Aldermaston Park 55.
Jn.º Cook Esq.r Frilsham 17.
Jn.º Conslad Esq.r Donnington 35 P.
Tho.s Conslad Esq.r } Ditto 35 R.
Fred.k Conslad Esq.r
Tho.s Craven Esq.r M.P. for this County. Benham Place 29 R.
The Rev.d Mr. Jn.º Craven Rec.r of Wolverton 73.
Sir Archer Croft Bar.t Dunston 39 P.
Jn.º Dancastle Esq.r Well-house 15.
Geo.e Darby Esq.r Newtown 59.
Samuel Dixon Esq.r Wallington 52.
The R.t Rev.d Dr. Ewer Lord Bishop of Landaff & Rector of West Ilsley. 1.
The Rev.d Rich.d Eyre D.D. & Rector of Bright-walton. 7.
The R.t Hon.ble the Earl of Fingall.
Wool-hampton 49.
Sir Tho.s Frankland, Bar.t Vice Admiral of the Red & M.P. Kirly 57.
Edw.d Goddard Esq.r Stargrove 65.
Christopher Griffith Esq.r Padworth 50.
Jn.º Harris Esq.r Bagburst 67.
Winchombe Hen.y Hartley Esq.r Donnington Castle 34 P. Bucklebury 27.
Rich.d Hatt Esq.r Leckhampstead 9 P. Bradley Farm 14 R.
James Hayne Esq.r Newbury 47.
Sir Tho.s Head Kn.t Langley. 11.
John Head Esq.r Hodcut 2
Tho.s Henshaw Esq.r Bufsock Court 21
The Hon.ble Rob.t Herbert High-clere 69
Mr.s Heywood. Compton 5.
Jn.º Zephaniah Holwell Esq.r late Governor of Bengall. Chilton Lodge 24 Faccombe 68 P.
Tho.s Hulbert M.D. Speen Hill 31. R.
Rich.d Snitzer Hyde Esq.r Hyde End 60.
John James Esq.r Denford. 28.

A PLAN OF THE TOWN OF NEWBURY AND SPEENHAMLAND.



REFERENCES.

1. Alms Houses founded by Mr. Raymond.
2. Do. call'd St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
3. The Free School.
4. The Quakers Meeting.
5. Alms Houses in the Church Yard.
6. The Church and Church Yard.
7. Alms Houses at West Mills.
8. The Globe Inn.
9. Alms Houses.
10. The Baptist Meeting.
11. Egypt.
12. The Independent Meeting.
13. The Castle Inn.
14. The Pelican Inn.
15. The Kings Arms Inn.
16. The Road to Shaw House.
17. Marsh Lane.
18. Remains of Jack of Newbury's House.
19. The Presbyterian Meeting.
20. The Rector's House.
21. The Bridge.
22. The Old Guild Hall.
23. The New Town House.
24. The little Lane.
25. The Quakers Burial Ground.
26. Alms Houses.
27. The Work House.

Hamstead Marshall
Enborn
Skinners Green
Pigeon Farm
Greenham Chapel
Chamber House
Midgham Marsh
Warren
Padworth
Mill
Greenham Heath
Standlford House
Sand Chapel
Alder Bottom
A Camp in 1740
Crookham Heath
Brimpton
Hide End
Aldermaston
ALDERMASTON P.
PADWORTH PA.
Round Oak
Red Hill Common
Trindle Hill
Hall Common
Newtown
NEWTON PA.
Edmonton Common
Knights Bridge
Thatcham Bridge
The Brook Inn
Brick-kiln
Mill Pond
Mortimer
Common
Soak
Headley Com.n
Woodlands
Broad Layings
Penwood
Well Street
Ufton Wood
Silchester Common
Ridley
Beggars Bridge
Long Grove
Holt Common
Benham Court
Edmonstrop
Aults Farm
Pigeon Crop
Inhurst Lane
Inhurst Green
Warren
Earlstone
West Street
Frobury Farm
Stantons House
Harridown
Frith Common
Holt Common
Bagburt
Tadley
Highclere
Perth Farm
Knowle Hill
Wolverton
Park
Sanford Farm
KINGSCLERE
Stoney Heath
Comb House
Wivel
Sydmonton
Nathanger
Siddown
Burwoclere or Burghclere
Alhampton
Arch Hill
Beacon Hill
Ladle Hill
Sydmonton Hill
Comb Hole
White Hill
Freemantle Park
Ewehurst
West Heath
Ramsdell
Grotto
Crux Easton
Barrows
Downs
Farm
Conham Park
Bonbon
Pitt Lane
WOODCUT PARISH
Hooks
Woodcut
Lower Woodcut
Hare Warren
Hannington
Elbworth
Upper Bottom
Roman Way
Foredown
Tidgrove
Warren
North Oakley
Freemantle Farm
Frost Hill
Litchfield
Ludshelf
Binley
PART OF St MARY BOURN
Bradley Farm
Three Barrows
Cold Henley Farm