

THE
DIRECTORY AND GUIDE

FOR THE
CITY AND COUNTY OF CHESTER;
WITH A CONCISE HISTORY

OF THEIR

ANTIQUITIES,
FORTIFICATIONS,
CHURCHES,
GOVERNMENT,
TRADE,
FAIRS,
STREETS, &c.

CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS,
MARKETS,
INNS,
GENTLEMEN'S SEATS,
REMARKABLE PROSPECTS, &c.

INCLUDING,

A LIST OF THE EARLS OF CHESTER, FROM HUGH LUPUS, DOWN TO THE PRESENT EARL;

ALSO

AN ACCOUNT OF THE ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES OF THE MAILS, POSTS, STAGE COACHES, CARRIERS, RATES OF CHAIRMEN, CARMEN, &c. &c.

COMPREHENDING ALSO

A CHRONOLOGY OF REMARKABLE AND INTERESTING EVENTS WHICH HAVE HAPPENED IN CHESTER, FOR NEAR FIVE HUNDRED YEARS PAST;

ALSO

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE CLERGY, MERCHANTS, TRADESMEN, &c. IN THE CITY, AS WELL AS IN THE MARKET TOWNS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, IN WREXHAM, AND ITS VICINITY.

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OF THE

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P R E F A C E.

WHEN it is considered, that annual Directories are published of cities and counties much inferior, in size, population and opulence, to those of Chester, will it not appear rather extraordinary, that no similar production, descriptive of a county so generally famed, and so universally spoken of, as that which is truly denominated The Vale Royal of England, has yet been offered?---
To supply this defect, the editor humbly submits the following to public notice; hoping, that it will be found not altogether an useless or unenter-
taining assistant either to the resident or the stranger; his object having been, to blend, in some degree, amusement with information; and to render it as agreeable a companion, for the pocket, as the nature of such publications will admit of.

Low Knutsford. Each of them has a church. The situation is pleasant, and the town is neat.—Its distance from London is 158 miles.—Here are two annual fairs, viz. July 10, and November 8.—Its weekly market is on Saturday.—The annual race-meeting at Knutsford is remarkable for being honoured with a more brilliant assemblage of nobility and gentry, than any other in the county; not excepting even Chester.

Knutsford Directory.

Rev. Robert Lord	Mr. Robert Carter, glazier
Rev. John Foden	Mr. George Green, grocer
Colonel Hanfield	Mr. Codrington, surgeon
Lady Jane Stanley	Mr. J. Loumer, linen draper
Mr. Samuel Bewick, grocer	Mr. Wilkinson, iron-monger
Mr. William Jordan, glazier	Mrs. Hancock, inn-keeper
Mr. P. Corbitcley, brazier	Mr. Holland, surgeon
Mr. G. Henshall, maltster	Mrs. Leach, stationer
Doctor Gorst	Miss Pierfon, milliner
Mr. Dumville	Mr. Froggart, tallow-chand.
Mr. Thomas Wright, grocer	Mr. John Clarke, grocer
Mr. Wm. Hollins, attorney	Mr. James Bradshaw, glazier
Mr. John Lawton, maltster	Mr. R. Kent, upholsterer
Mr. T. Toft, iron-monger	Mr. W. Billingham, surgeon
Mr. John Hollins, attorney and coroner	Mr. Joseph Barnes, tinman
Mr. Thomas Smith, mercer	Mr. Edmund Johnson, tanner
Mr. Tho. Forrest, attorney	Mrs. Naylor
Mr. T. Dutton, inn-keeper	Miss A. M. Legh
Mr. James Walton, milliner	Mrs. Seddon
Mr. Daniel Howard, surgeon	Mrs. Mainwaring
Mrs. Jordan, grocer	Mrs. Blackburne
Mr. Daniel Stringer, limner	Mr. Strethit Wright
Mr. Samuel Burgefs, grocer	Mr. Thomas Carter, glazier
Mr. John Leather, sadler	Mr. Wright, attorney
	Mr. Whitney, cotton-manuf.

ALTRINCHAM.

THIS is a small market town, having two annual fairs, viz. on the 5th of August, and the 22d of November.—Its weekly market is on Tuesday.—Some London idolaters have a *goodnatured* saying, “the farther

ther from the capital, the farther from arts and civilization!"—This little spot is one among the many in the kingdom, which may be adduced as striking exceptions to so curious a remark; for tho' Altrincham is situated at the distance of 184 miles from the capital, it is the seat of a considerable manufactory in the worsted branch; and, for civilization, tho' they may not have laid in so large a stock of *complaisance* as some *cocknies*, they are in possession of a *commodity* that will last longer and wear better, namely—PLAIN DEALING.

Altrincham Directory.

Rev. Mr. Harrop, minister	Mr. Charles Poole, surgeon
William Rigby, Esq.	Mr. Wm. Renshaw, mercer
Samuel Berveis, Esq.	Mr. John Walthew, glazier
Mr. Worthington, attorney	Mrs. Hobson
Mrs. Heinzeleman	Mr. W. Shelmerdine, saddler
Mr. Hatfield, cotton-manuf.	John and Wm. Ashton, ditto
Mr. G. Worthington, attorney	Mr. James Walthew, glazier
Mr. A. Watson, surgeon	Mr. J. Walton, corn-factor
Mr. Grantham, linen-draper	Mr. J. Brierley, inn-keeper
Mrs. A. Babington, milliner	Miss Turner
Mr. John Burgefs, mercer	Mr. Gretrix, timber-merch.
Mr. O. Leicester, grocer	Mr. J. Darbyshire, maltster
Mrs. E. Cooke, ditto	Mr. T. Warburton, yeoman
Mr. Partington, cabinet-mak.	Mr. William Smith, currier
Mr. S. Hardey, linen-draper	Mr. James Cluley, glazier
Mr. T. Dean, inn-keeper	Mr. T. Bradley, jun. hatter
Mr. Clough	Mr. Samuel Howard, currier
Mr. Burgefs, victualler	Mr. Goulden, cabinet-maker

S A N D B A C H.

THIS town stands on a high bank, upon the little river Wheelock; the place is small, and was made a market-town by Sir John Radcliffe, Lord thereof; which market is continued weekly every Thursday, it hath also two annual fairs:—King's Vale Royal tells us, that in the market-place are two square crosses of stone, or steps, with certain images and writings thereon engraven; which a man cannot read, except he be turned