

Foreward

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My final thanks are due to those who have assisted in the preparation and printing of the book, which I hope will give a glimpse of the past to the present and future villagers of Hickling.

Every effort has been made to verify dates of photographs, people and events but there will inevitably be errors and for these I apologise in advance. Where documents have been quoted the original spelling has been retained.

HICKLING VILLAGE

Notes taken from 'The Antiquities of Nottinghamshire' by Robert Thoroton
Originally published 1790 - 1796 :-

Hicklin Lordship contains upwards of 2000 acres of Land, owned by a Mr. Londel and others inclosed about 15 years ago.

The village lied in a miry part of the county, and consists of about 70 dwellings:- the roads to it are intollerable in the winter.

The church has a nave and two side-aisles, a tower steeple with 4 bells, and is dedicated to St. Mary.

The road from the Fosse to the village, is in a right line, very spacious, at the distance of about half a mile. The village, or rather the lanes leading to it, are a labyrinth, the way I entered it. The numerous passages, open to the more numerous inclosures adjoining the village, misguide you: the trees in the hedgerows are lofty, many and meet each other, which made the passages gloomy and miry, and some of them almost impassable.

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Directory of Nottinghamshire - White - 1840

The village of Hickling is situated at the most westerly point of the Vale of Belvoir and although Hickling is in Nottinghamshire it is very close to the Leicestershire border. The name Hickling has changed over the years from Echeling, Hykeling and Hickelinge. The parish was enclosed in the reign of George III in 1776 with an acreage of 2,601, 7 perches.

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Hickling Church

Hickling church was built in the 13th century but in the seven hundred years which have passed since then, repairs and renovations have had to be made continually. The last century saw extensive rebuilding take place as is related by John T. Godfrey in his book "Notes on the Churches of Notts., Hundred of Bingham" which was published in 1907.

The first part of the church to be renovated was the chancel which was rebuilt in 1845 at a cost of £800. Rebuilding of the tower followed in 1873 and the photograph of the church shows it prior to this rebuilding which cost £1,400. In 1886 the nave and aisle were restored and reseated and the organ was enlarged. With the £800 needed for this, £3,00 had been spent on the church in forty one years - a very considerable sum in those days.



Hickling Church before
the tower was rebuilt
in 1873.

Inside the church are to be found a number of interesting ancient objects. The oldest treasure is the coped cover of a Saxon coffin which has been carved with a fine cross and animals enmeshed in interlacing knotwork. This is over 1000 years old and is now built into an interior wall. The font with angels under the bowl dates from around 1400 and three poppy-head bench ends are of a similar date. On the floor of the chancel is a brass portrait of a priest holding a chalice and is one of only two in the county. The inscription asks us to pray for the soul of Master Ralph Babington a rector here who died in 1521. He is also shown as a small child on his father's tomb in Ashover Church, Derbyshire.

The tower once carried an old wooden clock with one hand but this was replaced in 1890 by a village clock, erected by public subscriptions which is still in use today.

There are five bells hung in the church tower and are inscribed as follows:-

- 1st - J. Taylor and Co. Founders Loughborough 1873. Diameter, 2 feet 6 inches.
- 2nd - GOD SAVE HIS CHURCH 1722. This bell has been 'Pared'. Diameter 2 feet 8 ins.
- 3rd - My roaring sound doth warning give that men cannot here always live 1618.
Henry Oldfield's mark at end. Diameter 2 feet 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.
- 4th - BE. Y.T. KNOWNE. TO. ALL. THAT. DOTH. ME. SEE. THAT. NEWCOMBE. OF.
LEICESTER. MADE. MEE. 1602. Diameter 3 feet 2 inches.
- 5th - All men that heare my mornful sound repent before you lye in ground 1618.
No founder's mark. Diameter 3 feet 7 inches.

Sanctus Bell - Without marks or legend. Diameter 16 ins.

Hickling did not escape the ravages of cholera in 1830 and many of the victims were buried in the extreme east end of the churchyard. This ground has not been reopened since. By the 1950's thought was being given to the provision of a cemetery and a piece of land was purchased from Mr. W. Morse for this purpose. Flowering trees were planted along with daffodils given by the W.I. and a pair of wrought iron gates erected at the entrance. The consecration date was fixed for the 16th January 1955 but had to be postponed until the 15th May because of severe flooding on Clawson Lane. Mr. Frank Sisson was the first caretaker and after his death his son carried on for a short while. Mr. A. Wilcox then became caretaker in 1975. Mr. Walter Parkes was the first person to be interred in the cemetery in 1955.

Carol singers.

During the early 1920's the carol singers would meet on the bridge at midnight on Christmas Eve and then walk and sing along the length of the village. Sometimes they would be accompanied by Arthur Savage or Donnie Simpson playing the cornet. Usually a supper would be provided in the Chapel Sunday School. A collection would be taken after Boxing Day and the proceeds given to the Nottingham General Hospital. In 1934 the carol singers went round with a lorry driven by Mr. J. Newton on which Mr. A. Shelton played a piano.

At Christmas 1976, and for a few previous years, the carol singers met at the canal at 7.30 p.m. and proceeded through the village collecting for the National Children's Home. Very welcome hot mince pies and coffee were served at the last house - Elm House, the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Windey. The singing and supper were finished by 10.30 p.m.

Rectors of HicklingInstituted

Adam, son of Robert de Hickling.	21st July, 1227.	
William de Hareston.	27th June, 1234.	
Adam de Preston.	7th July, 1319.	Resigned.
Richard de Hakinthorp.	23rd December, 1339.	
Richard de Gray.		Resigned 7th July, 1375.
John Fysheburn.	9th July, 1375.	
John Wayte.		Resigned for the Church of Walesby, in the Diocese of Lincoln.
Thomas Wilford.	15th August, 1397.	
William Haxey,	6th February, 1401.	By his will, proved 11th July, 1407, he desired to be buried in the chancel at Hickling.
John Bowland.	18th July, 1407.	
Richard Conyngston.		
John Wysaw.	9th February, 1413.	By his will proved 9th October, 1449, he desired to be buried in the chancel at Hickling.
John Bithekirk.		Resigned.
John Warner.	27th March, 1459.	
Thomas Drakyn or Deaton.	11th May, 1462.	By his will proved 22nd January, 1484, he desired to be buried in the quire at Hickling.
Brother Thomas Stanthorp. Prior of Newstead	1st January, 1484.	
Thomas Basford.	26th October, 1505.	
William Nevyle.	19th January, 1508.	
Thomas Porte. L.B.	31st January, 1510.	Resigned.
Ralph Babington. LL.D.	9th April, 1515.	Died 29th August 1521.
John Boyle.	16th September, 1521.	
William Atkynson.	8th August, 1566.	By his will proved 7th June, 1593, he desired to be buried in the church of the parish where he happened to die.
Henry Stubbing. M.A.	13th May, 1593.	
Robert Snowden. S.T.P.	8th September, 1598.	Died in London 15th May, 1621.
Edmund Bardsey. M.A.	11th June, 1617.	

<u>Rectors of Hickling</u>	<u>Instituted</u>	
George Fisher.	27th March 1661.	Married at Hickling 11th June, 1696.
Francis Bedford.	31st July, 1716.	
Nicholas Penny.	7th March, 1720.	Died 18th January, 1744.
John Warde.	25th September, 1730.	
Henry Rand.	21st January, 1756.	
Henry Morris. B.D.	6th March, 1766.	Died 4th August, 1774. Aged 62 years.
Robert Barber. B.D.	14th January, 1775.	
John Thomas Jordan. B.D.	18th January, 1797.	Buried in the chancel 1820.
Edward Anderson. B.D.	3rd May, 1821.	Died 6th January, buried at Hickling 9th January, 1843 aged 58 years.
William Henry Walker. B.D.	1843.	Died 21st January, buried at Hickling 24th January, 1857 aged 60 years.
William Henry Edwards B.D.	1857	Buried at Hickling 24th December, 1882, aged 62 years.
Thomas Skelton. B.D.	1883.	Resigned 10th February, 1905.
Francis James Ashmall. M.A.	2nd May, 1905.	Resigned.

Wills and Inventories - Edward Collishawe

August the 11 day Anno Domini 1650.

In the name of god Amen. I Edward Collishawe of Hickling in the County of Nottingham yeoman being weake and feeble in body but of perfect memory and understanding God be blessed for the same I doe the day and year above written constitute make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say). First of all I give my Soule to Almighty God my Maker and Saveruer hoping to be saved and redeemed by the above merits and mercy of Jesus Christ who died for my Sinns and rose againe for my Justification and I give my body to the Earth from whence it came desiring that it may be buried in the churchyard of Hickling aforesaid neere below where ny Sonne Robert Collishawe his Children are buried. Itm I give and bequeath to ye overseers for the poore in Hickling aforesaid 2⁵ to be left for use and benefit yearly for the poore of

the said Hickling. Itm I give and bequeath to my Sonn Robert Collishawe two lands in every field which I Edward Collishaw did purchase of George Daft. Itm I give and bequeath to my Sonne John Collishawe and his heirs and assignees forever All that three oxgangs of land and the appurtenances which I bought off John Butler together also with the house and homestead proffitts emolliments and appurtenances thereto belonging And also to John Collishawe my Sonn and to his heirs forever One Oxgang of land and one also called by the name of greate rompton also with all things thereto belonging Itm I give and bequeath to my Sonn in law Richard Robinson and to Margaret Robinson his Espoused wife and my sole daughter forty pounds to be paid unto them of good and lawful English money with-in six months after my Departure out of this perfect World Itm I give to everyone of my Servants living with me at my departure out of this perfect World ^d 12 appeece to be paid unto them with-in six months next after my departure out of this world Itm I give and bequeath to my Sonn Robert Collishaw's two children each of them one Ewe and lamb Itm I give my Sonn Richard Robinson's children to each and everyone of them one ewe and lamb Itm all ye rest of my goods and chattells unbequeathed my debts paid and funeral discharged I give to Isobell Collishaw my loving Wife whome I make ordain and constitute my Sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament and lastly I do by these present renounce and disanull all former Wills and all codicils of Wills Whatsoever formely made by me and so I rest myself in the mercy of god promised to me in Christ Jesus waiting upon my God until ye time of my changing shall come.

Sealed and acknowledges ye day and year above written by the under named Edward Collishawe that this his last will and testament.

	Richard Collishawe	Edward Collishawe
Sealed in the presence of	Richard Robinson	
	Mary Foukes	

This will was proved the 31st day
March 1654.

Edward Collishawe. Inventory

An Inventory of all the goods and chattells belonging to Edward Collishawe
of Hickling late deceased : 23rd February, 1653.

Imprimis his purse and apparrell.	£	s	d
	10	0	0
Itm The hall i fire iron frogs hooks tongues gallow tree fire shovel and implements		8	6
Itm 1 table and frame 2 forms 3 chayres 1 cupbord shelves and stools	1	13	4
Itm In the new parlor 1 bedsted 1 table and frame 6 stools	1	15	0
Itm in the little parlor 1 bedsted 1 press 2 chessets 1 coffer 1 table 1 chayre	2	0	0
Itm in the Chamber 1 bedsted 1 table 2 stools a trundle bed 2 chayres 1 chest 1 arke and implements	2	3	4
Itm in the store chamber 1 salting tub 1 soe 1 powdring tub 4 shelves 6 bacon flicks all the cheest and butter and beefe old iron and implements	7	10	0
In the butterye 6 barrells 1 safe 6 bottles	1	0	0
In the milkhuse 3 planks 3 shelves 1 stool 9 brass pans 2 brass pots 3 little pans 1 posnett	6	0	0
Itm 1 rug 4 coverings 6 blankitts 1 feather bed and bolster 4 matrisses 4 bolsters 4 pillows 1 pair of curtains and vallance	6	0	0
Itm 12 payres of sheets 4 pillow cases 12 napkins 2 towell 3 table cloths 3 paires of linen cloth	7	0	0
In the kitchin 1 boal 2 mashfatts 1 payre quorns 1 salting tub 1 molding trough 2 Churnes 5 kitts 1 swilling tub 1 dripping pan cobbers and spits	3	4	0
Itm coales shelves 1 form and implements	3	0	0
Itm 1 winnow cloth 1 haye cloth sacks spinning wheel forke rake tethers and books and cart ropes	1	13	4
Itm 11 horses and 1 foal	44	0	0
Itm 23 Beastes	38	0	0
7 store sheep	30	0	0
Itm 2 swine and swine troughs	3	0	0
Itm 4 carts plowes horse gears harrows and plow timber 2 horse troughs plowgears tumbrell and objects belonging to sheer sheep milk fleaks and beaste cribs well frame bucket and lethers and other wood.	16	0	0

	£	s	d
Itm wheat in one bayre	12	0	0
Itm 3 bayres of barley	20	0	0
Itm pease thrashed and unthrashed	7	0	0
Itm malts in the house	3	0	0
Itm all the haye	15	0	0
Itm manure in the yard	4	0	0
Itm the barley fallows and wheat sown	25	0	0
Itm pease sown	13	6	8
Itm moneys owing by several men as both agreed in bond and without bond	50	0	0

Richard Robinson
Ralph Watts

This inventory exhibited
31st of March, 1654.

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Robert Daft - Will

In the name of God Amen I Robert Daft of Hickling in the County of Nottingham shepherd being sick and weake in body but of sound mind and memory praised be my God therefore Doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and form following And first I bequeathe my soul to Almighty God the giver of it trusting that he will pardon all my sins and bestow upon me salvation for the sake and merit of Jesus Christ my dear Lord and Saviour, and my body to the earth from whence it came to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named, And for my worldly estate with which the Lord hath been pleased to bless me I give and dispose of it as followeth and first I give unto George Fisher of Hickling aforesayd clerk and John Collishaw of the same town yeoman and to their heirs for ever my mansion house barns, stables yards gardens and closes and half an oxgang of land with all meadows leyes and common and all manner of appurtenances belonging to the sayde house and half oxgang of land to be used and disposed of for the benefit of my children according to their judgements and discretions and according as my children behave themselves and are sober and hopefull and I doe give them power to charge my house and land with twenty and five pounds to be paid as a portion out of the land to him that hath not the land by him that George Fisher and John Collishaw their heirs Executors and administrators shall see fit to settle the land upon, and my will is that my two sons shall have the rent issues, and profit of my house and lands so long as John Collishaw and George Fisher shall judge necessary and convenient and that shall have two shillings yearly

out of the profits of the sayde house and land, till five and twenty pounds be payed from out of the sayde house and lands if my trustees see fit that my eldest son William Daft should have it, and my will is that my trustees shall set and appoint to the time for the payment of the sayde twenty and five pounds and receive all the result and profits of my land till they judge my children capable of managing it themselves, and I doe appointment them their heirs and executors guardians of my children and my lands till my son William Daft arrives at the age of six and twenty years old, Itm I give my daughter Jane Daft the sum of fifteen pounds to be payed her at her day of marriage if she marry with the consent of George Fisher and John Collishawe and their heirs or two years after my death, the rest of my goods and chattels I give to be equally devided among my three children my debts and funeral charges being defrayed and I do make John Collishaw above sayde sole executive of this my last will and testament in witness thereof I have set to my hand and seal the forth day of January 1686.

Signed sealed published and declared in the
presence of we who have subscribed our
names in the presence and sight of the
testator

John Sutton Jur.
The mark of George Daft
The mark of Robert Burrows.

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Robert Daft Inventory

A true and perfect inventory of all the goods cattell and chattells of Robert Daft of Hickling in the County of Nottingham shepherd taken and appraised by us whose names are under written the 26th day of January in the second year of the Reign of our gracious Sovereign Lord James the second King of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith etc Anno Domni 1686.

	£	S	D
In primis his purse and apparel	8	12	6
Item fire iron and froggs, hookes and other ould iron		2	6
Item Pewtar and Bras		12	0
Item Linnings		17	0
Item one chest one little tabel two chairs two boxes and all other implements in the chamber	1	0	0
Item one coverlet three blankets a bolstar	1	8	0
Item in the house one table one cubard	1	6	8
Item one bed and matteris one wooll bed		10	0
Item in bond	10	0	0

	£	S	D
Item in money out of bond		18	6
Things unseen			4
Item four strike of Barley		6	0
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Summary	29	17	06

George Hargraves

William Smalley

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Julie Faux - Will

In the Name of God Amen. I Julie Faux of Hickling in the County of Nottingham spinster being weake in body but of perfect mind and memory doe ordain and appoint this my last will and testament in manner and forme following hereby renouncing and revoking all former wills and testaments here to fore by me published and declared either by word or writing

Imprim I give and bequeath my soule to all mighty God my Creatour, and in Jusus Christ my Redeemer to be one of his elect children, and my Body to the earth from whence it came to be buried by the descretion of my executors hereafter named, and for the desposing of my worldly goods which God of his great goodness hath bestowed upon me in manner and form following;

Itm I give and bequeath unto Anne Willson the daughter of William Willson of Hickling the sum of ffive pounds to goe on for her when she shall attain the age of ten years to be paid to her by my Executive

Itm I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Faux my sister living att Melton Moborrow spinster one half headed bed and coverlid red and yellow 2 blankets white one Bolster and two pillows 2 pairs of sheets one pair fflaxxen and the other Hempen, one Matteris, one cheist and table in the house and buffit stoole and firmol one cupbord; 3 old pewter dishes and little pans next to the great pan

Itm I give to Anne Wilson the Daughter of William Wilson aforesaid one pot and one great pan one ssett of red curtains one new puter dish. I and one paire of sheets Hempen and one ffringed coverlid a new one. Item I give and bequeath unto Anne Wilson my sister the wife of William Wilson the house wherein I live and inhabitt with all the croft and yard wherein

now standeth with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging to her the said Ann Wilson to her and heirs forever, and if it pleases God she die without heirs then my will is that the house and croft wherein it standeth and all the appurtenances thereunto belonging give unto Elizabeth Ffaux my younger sister aforesaid to her and her heirs forever shall hand after this decease of my sister Anne aforesaid and her heires. All the rest residue of my worldly Goods unbequeath I give and bequeath unto Anne Wilson aforesaid whome I make soule Executive of this my last will and testament she paying all my debts whatsoever In witness where of I have hereunto got my hand and soul this seventeenth day of May Anno Domini 1688

sealed and subscribed in the
presence of ye testator

William Barlow

John Smyth

Dorothy Tyler

Jane Ffaux

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Julie Faux Inventory

January

A true and perfect Inventory of the goods and chattels of Julie Faux of Hickling in the County of Nottingham Spinster late deceased praised and valued by us whose names are hereunder written Anno Domini 1688

	£	s	d
Imprimis her purse and apparrell	3	0	0
Item in the Chimney the fire iron Gallow tree and all other implements	0	2	0
Item one table one form and buffit stools	1	0	0
Item one cubbord	0	13	4
Item the pewther	0	1	0
Item the brass in the house	1	0	0
Item two chairs two wheels and other wooden work in the house	0	5	0
Item in the parlour one bedstead	0	13	4
Item one Coverlit five blankits two mattresses one sett of curtains four pillows	2	7	0
Item linnen in the parlour 5 pairs of Sheets, 1 pair of flaxen } two pairs of Hempen one pair of Harden six napkins one pillow }	2	19	0
Goose one little remnent of linin cloth flaxen two other } little remnents of Hempen Cloth one other pair of harden }			
sheets.			

	£	s	d
Item one old Coverlit and a little piece of wollen cloth and also little piece of Linsey Wollsey	0	12	0
Item one Chest three coffers one tub	0	9	0
Item three kitts two tubs	0	9	0
Item corn wheat barley and pease	0	15	0
Item in the buttery one cheese press and other materials therein	0	7	0
Item Badge and Sisers and other materials in the parlour	0	3	0
Item four boards and other things in the Chamber	0	3	6
Item one Flasket and looking glass	0	2	0
Item the Cushions and one piece of new cloth	0	5	6
Item Three hens		1	0
Item in the Hovell old wood	0	2	6
Item in the barne for fewell therein	0	2	6
Item things seen and unseen	0	1	6
	15	6	2

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Inventory of Nicholas Mann

A true and perfect inventory of all the goods Cattells and Chattells
of Nicholas Mann of Hickling in the County of Nottingham yeoman appraised
by us July the 16th 1688 John Smith William Wilson his mark

	£	s	D
Imprimis his purse and apparrell	2	0	0
Debts good and bad	20	0	0
	£22	0s	0d

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Will of Robert Collishaw

In the Name of God Amen I Robert Collishaw of Hickling in the County of
Nottingham Chandler being weake in body but of perfect mind and memorie
praise be to God for the same doe make and ordain this my last will and
testament, hereby renouncing all other wills and testaments by me at any
time published or declared; Imprimis I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty
God my maker trusting and confidently expecting to be saved by the above merits
and bitter passion of Jesus Christ my redeemer and as touching the disposall
of all my worldly goods which God of his great goodness hath bestowed on me.
I give and bequeath them as followeth Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter
Elizabeth Collishaw the sum of ten pounds of British money when she shall attain
the age of one and twenty years to be paid to her after my decease by my executors
hereafter named, in full of her childes parte or portion; Item I give unto my
son William Collishaw the sum of ten pounds of British money when he shall attain

the age of one and twenty years to be paid to him after my decease by me executors; and like wise I give him one ewe and lamb to go on for his portion in full of his child's part Item I give unto my son Edward Collishaw the sum of pen pounds of British money when he shall attain the age of one and twenty years to be paid to him after my decease by my executors and for his working during his prentiship the executors is to take care of him and not to stopp anything of his portion but to keep him sufficiently in all apparrell; Item I give unto my son Philip Collishaw my youngest son ten pounds of British money to be paid to him when he shall attain the age of one and twenty years to be paid to him by my executors after my decease Item my will is that if any my children die before they come to age or not marryed then their portion is to be equally divided amongst the survivors; Item I give unto my dear wife Elizabeth Collishaw and my son Robert Collishaw all my goods cattells and chattells Bills Bonds whatsoever belonging to me both dead and alive and also I give unto my son Robert Collishaw this house which I now dwell in with all outhouses, orchards and all other appromises and appurtences whatsoever there unto belonging to it to him and his heirs forever, his mother having her life in it and not disturbed; which I make them full executors that Elizabeth Collishaw^{Jurat} my wife and Robert Collishaw^{Jurat} my son they discharging all my debts, legards, and funerall Charges and all other charges whatsoever In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the second day of August Anno ye Domini 1716

Signed sealed published and
declared in the presence
and sight of the testators
William Walles^{Jurat}

his mark

Elizabeth Walles

her mark

William Barton

Memorandum I give unto my daughter Mary Willet ten shillings to be paid with twelve months after my decease by me executors and I give unto two children Mary Willet and Samuel Willet give shillings a piece to be paid to them within twelve months after my decease all those legards was subscribed before the sealing and delivering of this my will; Item my will is that if should die at this time my executors shall have twelve months after my decease before they pay the forenamed portions that is Elizabeth Collishaw William Collishaw Edward Collishaw and Phillip Collishaw

The mark of

Robert Collishaw

Inventory of Robert Collishaw

A true and perfect Inventory of the goods cattells and chattells of Robert Collishaw of Hickling in the County of Nottingham chandler late deceased praised and valued by us whose names are hereunder subscribed May 29th anno domini 1722.

	£	S	D
Impris purse and apparell	1	1	0
One fire iron with froggs, gallowtree, fire shovel and tongs some small hooks and other materials by the fireside		8	0
One warming pan, 6 chairs, 2 stools and one table in the house ten pewter dishes, 2 flaggons, one posset pot and other small matters upon the pewter shelf, one dresser with long settle, one bed in the Parlour with all appurtances, one Cupboard 2 tables and a chest 2 forms, 2 chairs in the Parlour	4	19	0
5 pans, 2 pots, a cheese press, a small dresser, 3 tubs 3 kitts 3 barrells belonging to the kitchen with other small matters 4 shelves and convenient vessels for the dairy Above stairs	2	13	6
In one chamber, one trundle bed, 3 sheets in and her Chamber, one leaven tub, some peas bacon with some wool.	2	14	0
In an other chamber, one bed with all appurtances 7 pairs of sheets 6 pillowbiers, 2 table cloths 12 napkins, 2 chests, 2 boxes 6 chairs.	7	13	6
20 yards of linen cloth, one rugg, 2 new blanketts by themselves	2	3	0
In the cheese chamber wheat, barley, cheest, 2 shelves with one strike and strikes with the other measurers, cloath at weaving yarn at home	33	8	4
Without Doors			
4 hives of bees, Hay Straw Implements of husbandry	3	10	0
Wood in the chandlers house, coals, geese one gilt, Pullen 2 pig troughs, one horse, manure in the yard, 4 milched Cows	13	0	0
One heifer and a calf, 5 sheep, 4 lambs	4	5	6
Standing corn and hay	10	6	8
Things seen and unseen		4	0
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Summa totalis	57	2	5

John Mand
Edward Collishaw } appraisors

Will of Robert Mann

In the Name of God Amen. The fifth day of September in the Year of our Lord 1728. I Robert Mann of Hickling in the County of Nottingham Currier being very sick and weak of Body but of sound and perfect Mind and Memory, Praise be given to Almighty God therefore, do make and constitute this my present last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First and principally, I commend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God, hoping thro' the Merits, Death and Passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ, to have full and free Pardon and Forgiveness of all my Sins, and to inherit everlasting Life and my Body I commit to the Earth, to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as touching the Disposition of all such Temporal Estate as it has pleased God to bestow upon me, I give and dispose thereof as followeth.

First, I Will That my Debts and Funeral Charges shall be payed and discharged
Item I give unto my Nephew Stephen Man Yeoman One Oxgang of Land commonly called by the Name of Buttlers Lane, to him and his Heirs forever.

Item I give unto Richard Cross of Broughton Sullney One Oxgang of Land called by the Name of Pepper to him and his heirs forever.

Item According to my Will, I require Stephen Man aforesaid and Rich. Cross afores. to pay unto my Nephew William Man the Sum of five pounds each, a Year after my decease.

Item I give to my Nephew William Man, one third part of an Oxgang of Land, bought of One Fillingham to him and his Heirs forever.

Item I give unto John Man Senr. at the Brigg ten pounds which he has now in his own Hands.

Item I give to the Daughter of Sarah Brown of Long Claxton which shall be alive at my Decease, four pounds each to be payd them a Year after my Interrment.

Item I give unto Elizabeth Browns two Daughters of Hickling four pounds a piece to be payd them a Year after my Decease.

Item I give unto Stephen Man of Waltham forty Shillings to be payd a Year after my Intermt.

Item I give unto John Farr that now lives at or near Gainsborough forty shillings to be payd him a year after my decease.

Item I give unto the poor of Hickling the Sum of Five Pounds now lying in the Hands of George Daft eldest Son of late Richard Daft of the Dove Coat and the Interest thereof to be payd yearly amongst them at the Discretion of my Executors forever.

Item I give to the School of Hickling the Sum of Five pounds being now in the Hands of Widow Hopkinson Relick of John Hopkinson late deceas'd and the Interest thereof to be payd Yearly to the Schoolmaster forever.

Item I do make, constitute and ordain my Nephew Stephen Man^{Jurat} and my Nephew William Man to be my Sole Executors to pay and discharge the several Sum or Sums above mentioned and I do hereby revoke, disannul and make void all former Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day and Year abovewritten.

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Inventory of Robert Mann

A true and perfect inventory of all the goods and chattells of and belonging unto Robert Mann, Batcholour of Hickling Appraised by us Augth 15th 1730.

	£	S	D
Purse and apparell	23	0	0
Bed and cloths and furniture in his	10	0	0
Room or Chamber			
Total	£33.	Os.	Od.

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Will of Stephen Mann

In the Name of God amen: April 19th 1729:

I Stephen Mann of Hickling in the County of Nottingham tanner Being of perfect Mind and Memory blessed by god for it do: Make and ordain this My Last will and testament in Manner and form: following first I give and bequeath My Sole unto the hand of almighty God My Creator hoping through the Mercies of Jesue Christ My Redeemer to be saved and my Body to be: Decently buried in Hickling Churchyard at the discreation of My Executors here after mentioned: and as for my worldly Estate which god hath been pleased to bestow upon Me: I give and bequeath in Manner and form following: Impr. I give unto My Loving Brother John Mann of Hickling all those houses: Lying and being in the Narrow Marsh in Nottingham with all the appurtancies: there unto belonging now in the tenner and occupation of Robert Hardy and John Leak and Ann Peire Thomas Dunn: to Enter upon emediatly after My decease to him and his heirs forever:

Itm I give to Me Deer and Loving wife Mary: the interest of Eight Score pounds being now in the hands of widow Cock Late the wife of James Cock of Darby tanner to be paid to her Every half year during her Natural Life. And as for the princepall: sume of the above Eight score pounds I give and bequeath to My Deer and Loving Brother John Mann^{Jurat} of Hickling whom I Make Sole Executor of all

My goods cattle and chattell: of this My Last will and testament revoking
all other will heretofore Main by My Mee: in witness thereof I hereunto put
My hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed published and declared
in the presence of us:

John Collishaw

Stephen Mann

Mary ^{her mark} Cettlebone

Robert Morris

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Inventory of Stephen Mann

April y^e 30th 1729

An Inventory of the Goods and Chattell of Stephen Mann late deceis - praised
by whose Names are here subscribed.

	£	S	D
His purse and apparill	1	1	2
In the house one bedstead and bedding	8	8	1
7 chears one chest one table one cubard one stool	0	19	6
In the chichen 2 pans	0	7	6
One wheel one peel	0	2	6
One tosing forke and pestel and tongs and frying pan	0	2	0
One sospan and 6 trenchers	0	2	0
One flagan one table kichen ware	0	3	6
In the chamber bedstead and bedding	0	8	0
2 towles	0	1	0
Coles	0	4	6
Wooll and hopeful dets	160	2	10
Things seen and unseen	0	1	4
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Summa totlis	£166.	8s.	11d.
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John Daft

Paul Hanley

Suicides

April 1897 The body of Emma Magson was found in the lane leading to Skelton's allotments on Clawson Lane. There were empty carbolic acid bottles at her side and an open umbrella in her right hand. The deceased lived at Bingham but had been staying with her mother in Hickling for the week before her death.

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1899 Mr. Torr of Hickling Pastures (now Turnpike Farm) "in a mad frenzy with drink" shot his daughter in mistake for his wife as she ran out of the door.

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May 1902 Mr. Henry Dickman aged 61 years was found hanging in an outbuilding of his home Beech House. He had been a patient in Nottingham City Asylum for three months.

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November 1903 The body of Mr. William Law was found hanging lifeless in his hovel near his home in one of the Forester's Cottages in Smithfield Lane.

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October 1904 The body of Mr. John Simons aged 61 years was found in a well in close proximity to his house. The well belonged to an untenanted cottage. Now Parke's stackyard opposite the Rectory.

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August 1909 Mr. Nelson Outhwaite aged 58 years was found hanging in an outhouse of his home Virginia Cottage. House end to road opposite Wharf House.

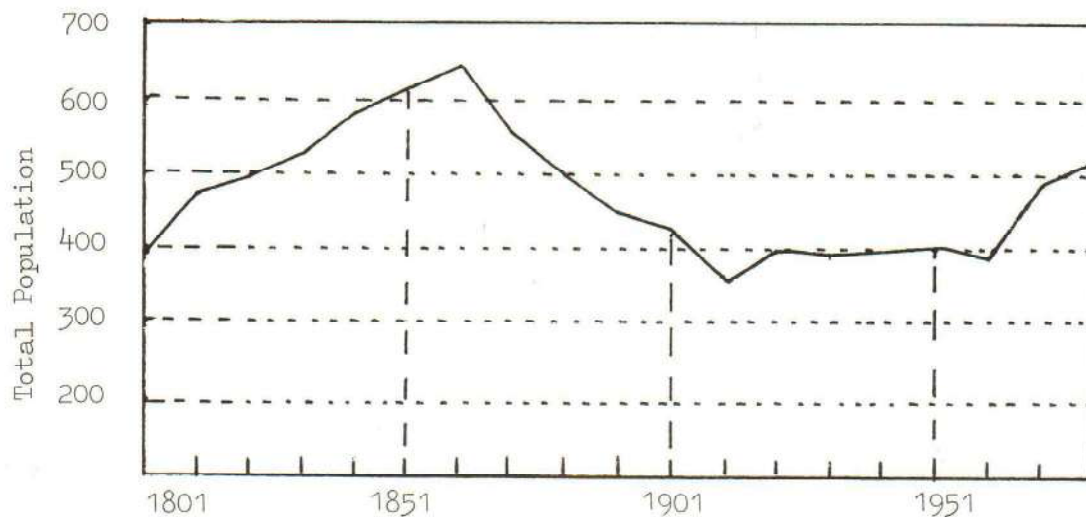
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April 1915 Mr. Samuel Marshall of the Manor House shot himself through the head in his saddleroom.

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The Population of Hickling

The census, which has been taken every ten years since 1801, provides interesting detail of changes in population and family life in Hickling over the past two centuries. The following material has been collected from the censuses.



Variation in Village Population 1801 - 1980

Family Sizes from the 1851 and 1861 Censuses.

No in family	1851	1861
	No of families	No of families
1	23	15
2	35	32
3	31	21
4	22	25
5	19	18
6	10	14
7	8	10
8	9	5
9	1	4
10	-	-
11	-	1
Total Population	613	642

1851 Servants and housekeepers "living in" totalled 35

1861 Of all the people living alone 11 were widows, 1 married male, 2 unmarried females and 1 unmarried male. Children of school age and under (discounting plough boys) totalled 220.

Birth place of people resident in Hickling during the Census of 1851
which shows how people moved about the country. Total village
population was 613.





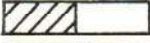
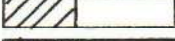

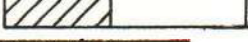
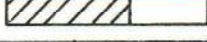
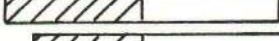






East Bridgford	1	Lodge-on-the-Wolds	2	Barnstone	2
Mountsorrell	3	Mansfield	2	Normanton	1
Langar	1	Thrussington	1	Deeping	3
Leicester	3	Wartnaby	1	Barkston	1
Clawson	13	Colston Bassett	7	Lenton	1
Broughton Leics.	10	Old Dalby	2	Wyfordby	1
Broughton Notts.	10	Woodhouse Eaves	1	Sewston	1
Redmile	3	Twyford	1	Branston	1
Anstey	1	Harby	7	Bushby	2
Carlton le Morland	1	Aslockton	1	Moorgreen	1
Coston	1	Ruddington	1	Selston	1
Cotgrave	5	Tollerton	1	Leicester	1
Hyson Green	1	Stableford	3	Plungar	1
Owthorpe	3	Willoughby	5	Grantham	1
Lowdham	1	Radford	1	Asfordby	1
Wymondham	2	Quorn	1	Warwickshire	1
Hickling	355	Bingham	2	Ratcliff	1
Hose	13	Bottesford	1	East Leake	2
Kettleby	2	Kinoulton	14	Little Dalby	2
Radford	1	Wymeswold	1	Barkby	1
Nottingham	47	Cropwell Bishop	10	Cambridge	2
Thrumpton	1	Shelton	3	Eastwood	1
Waltham	5	Whatton	1	Stanton	1
Edmonthorpe	1	Plumtree	4	Exton	1
Gadsby	2	Arnold	1	Sheffield	1
Scalford	3	Stathern	5	Arnold	1
Langham	1	Ruddington	1	Kirkby	1
Hawsworth	1	Bagthorpe	5	Haltingworth	1
Wysall	2	Northampton	2	Riddings	1
Not Known	5	Telvar	1	Kirby	1

Occupations taken from census

	<u>1851</u>	<u>1861</u>	<u>1871</u>		<u>1851</u>	<u>1861</u>	<u>1871</u>
Agent				Grocer	2	2	
Agricultural Labourer	18	21	41	Groom		1	
Baker	2	2	3	Horse breaker		1	
Blacksmith	1	3	5	Horse clipper			1
Boatman	9	12	2	Housemaid	3	1	
Boatowner/ Cottager			1	House servant	7	22	
Bootmaker			1	Joiner	4	3	5
Bricklayer	2	2	1	Lace agent	1	3	2
Butcher	3	2	3	Lace maker	4	4	
Canal Labourer		1		Lace worker			1
Carpenter	1	1	3	Landowner		1	
Carrier	2	4	1	Labourer	37	34	5
Carter		11		Landed proprietor	2		
Charwoman	1	2		Lime merchant		1	
Chimney sweep		2	2	Lodging housekeeper			1
Coal merchant	1		1	Machinist		3	1
Companion		1		Malster		2	2
Cook	2	1	1	Malster & farmer	1		
Cordwainer	2	9	3	Malster labourer	1		
Cottager	4	3	9	Maid			1
Cowman	1	1	3	Master miller	1		
Dairymaid		4	1	Midwife		1	
Domestic servant			4	Miller	1	1	2
Dressmaker	8	9	7	Nurse	2	2	1
Farmer	19	21	19	Nursemaid		1	
Farm servant	8	1	12	Parish clerk	1	1	
Farm houser	2			Parish relief	1		
Farming bailiff	1			Plough boy	15		
Gardener		1	2	Plough driver		3	8
General draper			1	Plumber	1	1	
General servant			1	Police constable	1	1	1
Governess		1		Prospector of houses		1	
Grazier	3	6	3	Provision dealer	1		

	<u>1851</u>	<u>1861</u>	<u>1871</u>		<u>1851</u>	<u>1861</u>	<u>1871</u>
Publican and Innkeeper	1	2	2	Shepherd		1	1
Rector	1	1	1	Shoemaker	5		
Road labourer		2		Tailor	7	4	2
Sadler	1	1	1	Tamborough	10	24	37
Saddlers apprentice			1	Viculator	1		
Sawyer			1	Warehousewoman			1
Seamstress			2	Warfinger	1		
Servant	41		19	Warfinger & Coal Merchant		1	
School master	1	1	1	Wheelwright			2
School mistress	2	3	1	Tailor/Draper/Grocer			1

Age Structure of Hickling in 1851

Age Group	<u>MALES</u> Total in Group		<u>FEMALES</u> Total in Group
80+	2		3
70 - 79	9		9
65 - 69	7		8
60 - 64	10		12
55 - 59	12		12
50 - 54	12		15
45 - 49	12		16
40 - 44	17		21
35 - 39	20		12
30 - 34	22		22
25 - 29	18		28
20 - 24	19		21
15 - 19	30		28
11 - 14	16		32
6 - 10	48		25
0 - 5	51		40
Totals	305		304

It is interesting to note that out of a total population of 609, more than one quarter (164) were aged ten or less.

CANAL

Two engineers were appointed, a James Green of Wollaton for the section from the Trent to the Leicestershire border about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Hickling and a William King for the rest including the reservoirs at Denton and Knipton. Act under which work began was 1793 and the canal was wholly navigable in 1797, the cost being £118,500. The length of the canal is 33 miles and had 18 locks. Traffic on the canal upwards was mainly coal, coke, lime, building materials and groceries to villages along the line to Grantham and to places beyond which were then distributed by land carriage. Downward the canal carried corn, malt, beans, wool and other agricultural products. There were two wharves at Hickling one the basin side which is still called 'The Wharf Yard' and belongs to Mr. E. Faulks (Ted) and the other side of the road which is now the front lawn of "Bridge View" owned by Mr. T. Herrick but was at one time "The Navigation" Public House.

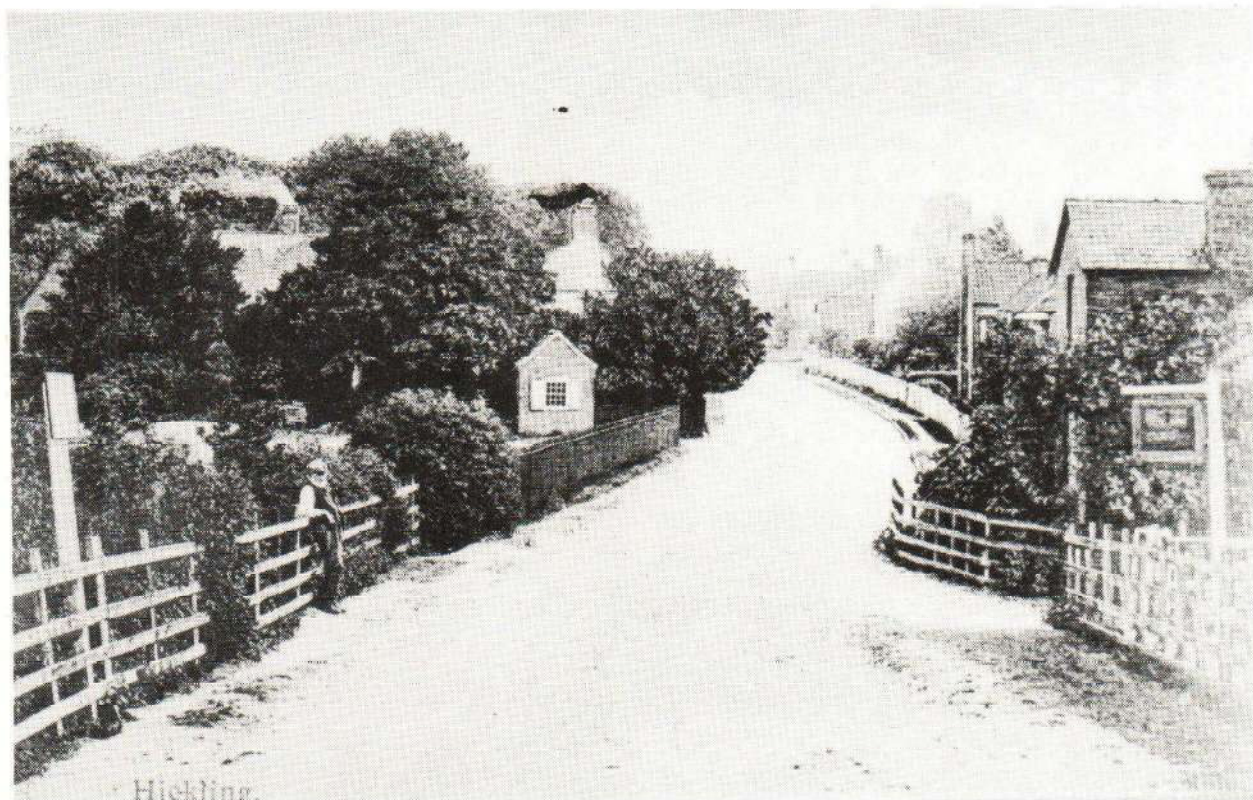
In 1854 the canal was bought by Ambergate Railway then to L.N.E.R., later to British Waterways Board in 1936. The last commercial boat travelled in 1922 and was owned by a Mr. 'Iky' Slater. During the 1920's Tom Watchorn ("Crutchy") would take parties of six or seven in a rowing boat, the favourite place being Devils Elbow between Kinoulton and Owthorpe. In the other direction the trip would be as far as Harby.

When the canal was frozen most people of the village would go skating as soon as the yard work was finished in the morning and stay until afternoon milking, then return in the evening by the light of lanterns.

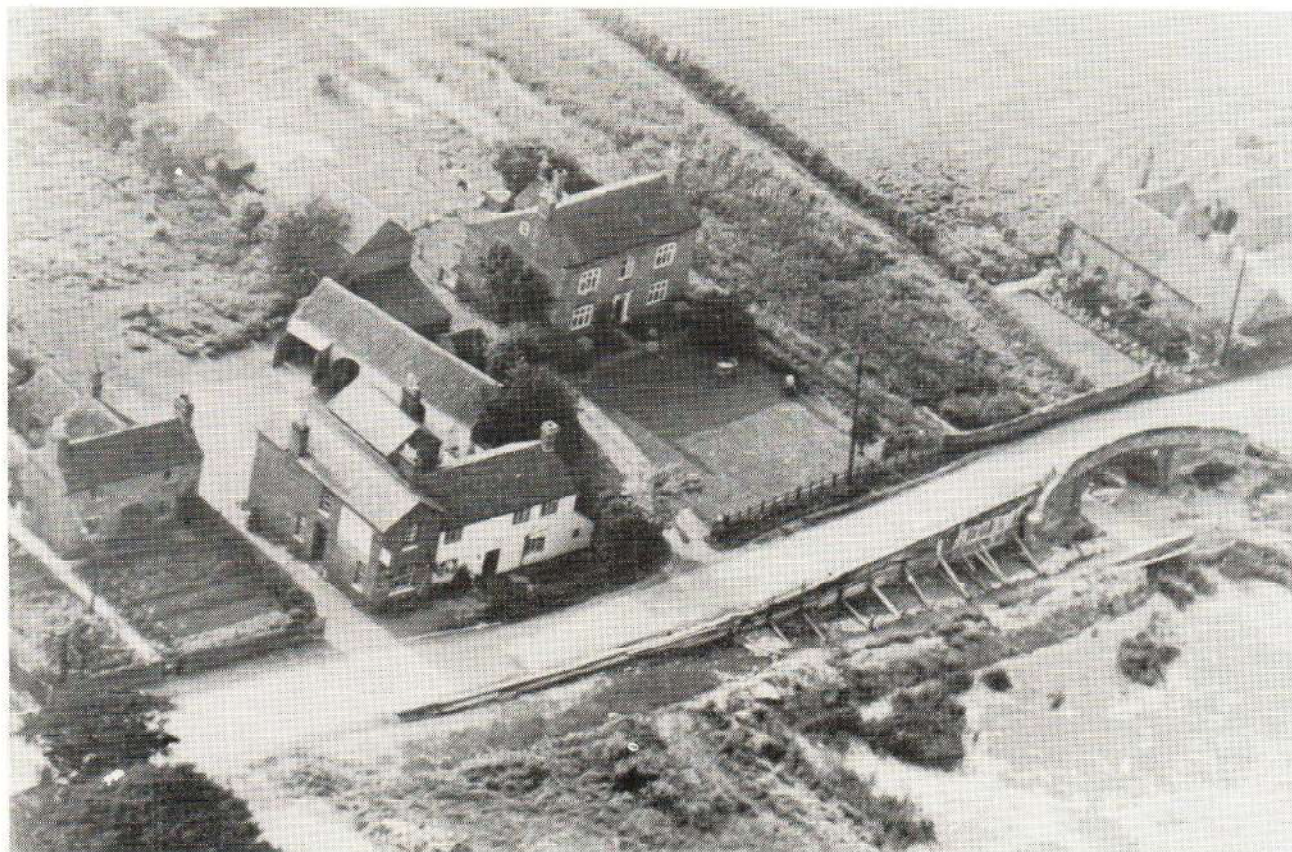
During the freeze-up of 1962/63 the canal was frozen from December until the first week in March. One evening a bonfire was lit on the bank and skaters took tins of soup which were all put in a saucepan and heated on the bonfire. The different flavours of hot soup mixed together on that cold night was delicious.

The hump back bridge was taken down in 1957.

Hickling children have always been told the story of the huge whale which comes along the canal from Grantham at mid-night to turn round in the basin.



From the top of the bridge. Note on the extreme right the 'Navigation Inn' sign, closed as a public house in 1912. Post-mark on postcard 1905. Man leaning on railings is possibly Mr. Ripon who lived opposite the church.



Taking down the hump back bridge 1957. The Plough Inn is the white building with the former Navigation Inn between it and the canal.

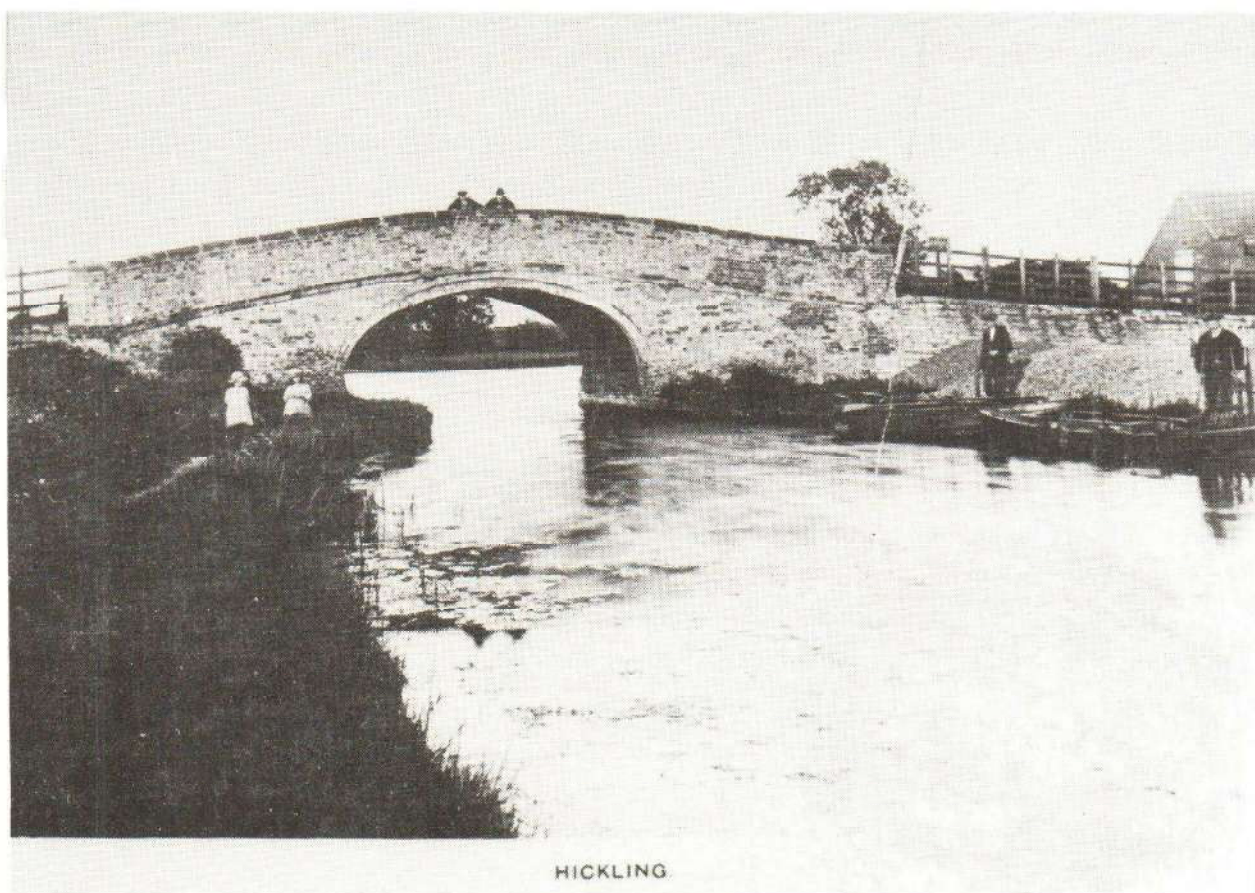


Note the sails of the windmill beyond the bridge.
The mill was blown down by explosives in July 1908.



The Basin, Hickling.

Circa 1923. Tommy Watchorn. Bread delivery van probably belonged to Sid Whittaker from Long Clawson.



Grantham Canal circa 1923
 (on bank) Ruby and May Spencer
 (Twins)

(in boats) Teddy Mee
 Tommy Watchorn (Crutchy)



Gweneth Shelton
Donald Wadkin

Keith Wadkin
Hazel Moulds



Gweneth Shelton
(White coat)

Edwin Woolley

Photographs taken in the winter of 1956.

Windmills

There was a brick windmill at the most Westerly end of Mill Lane, built in 1820. Originally a three storey building and later raised to four stories, the mill worked three pairs of stones. Two sails were blown off during a gale but work continued with only two sails. Large cracks appeared in the walls and the foundations on the West side of the mill had sunk considerably. The mill was blown down by explosives on 4th July, 1908. Many villagers went up on the Standards to watch. Mill Lane was formally known as Morkin Lane.

An old post mill situated by the 'Parsons Gardens' on Clawson Lane fell into ruin and was blown down many years before the brick mill.



Mr. H. Sleighthome.

1903

PUBLIC HOUSES

The Navigation

This was built alongside the canal in 1904 and is now known as Bridge View. The photograph of the hump back bridge being taken down in the section on the canal also shows Bridge View in the centre of the photograph. The Inn was closed as a public house in 1912 and was bought by Mrs. Cart for £300. The names of known Licencees are as follows:-

1844	J. Shipman	1906	Wrigley
1853	J. Shipman		Oates
1864	Hannah Shipman		Freeborough
1885	Sarah Lamb	1910	Walker
1894	Sarah Lamb	1911	Spencer
			Rowbottom

The Wheel Inn



This photograph was taken in October, 1910, when the Wheel Inn was offered for sale on the death of Mrs. Eliza Munks widow of Mr. Thomas Munks. It was offered for sale as "Fully licensed (free) with cottage, butcher's shop, shoemaker's shop, garden and other outbuildings adjoining. Apply Mr. C. Munks."

Thomas Munks was the licensee in 1864 and 1894 but by 1912 it was owned by Glen Harding who kept it as a shop but not as a public house. Later occupiers of Wheel House were as follows:-

Mr. Alf Herrick rented from Mr. Lane

Mr. Ellis Faulks (1928)

Miss. Power rented from Tommy Stubbs and Miss. Proudman (head mistress) lodged with her.

Frank Copley

Reg Arme.

The Plough

This public house has survived as such to the present day and the photograph below shows it at the time of the First World War.



Tommy Watchorn (Crutchy) Donnie Simpson (?) Frank Dickman, Mr. Widdowson (Publican)
Original photograph crumpled as it was sent to Tom Munks in France during the 1st World War.

Known Licencees of The Plough are as follows:-

1844	Abigail Hives	1910	Mr. Chambers
1864	Thomas Speed		Mr. Joe Booth
1877	Arthur Price	1917	Elizabeth Ann Widdowson
1894	Arthur Price	1923	Elizabeth Ann Widdowson
1895	Mr. & Mrs. Elliott	1924	Mrs. Ethel M. Armstrong.
1897	Mrs. Richardson		(Mr. Armstrong died in
1898	Mrs. Pickering married		1925 but his wife carried
1899	and became Mrs. Parnham		on until
1903	Mrs. Parnham	1956	Mr. Burton-Timms
1904	Mrs. Edgson	1959	Mr. Frank Hill
1909	Mrs. Ashwell	1978	Mr. R. Burrows
		1980	Mr. Taylor

The Bowling Green

This house built in the 1600's was never a public house but was used by a beer retailer. A photograph of this house is shown later in the book.

The Fox and Hounds

This public house was situated at Hickling Pastures on what was the Turnpike Road. It is now a private farm owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Birch.

Licencees were:-

1885	John Day
1894	John Day
1900	Thomas Morris - licence was taken away for drunkenness on the highway but was later restored.
1901	James Row.

The Pig and Whistle

This stood in the right hand field on the corner of Folly Hall Lane where the circle of trees still remain. It was never licenced and was probably burned down at the turn of the century.

Beer Off Licence

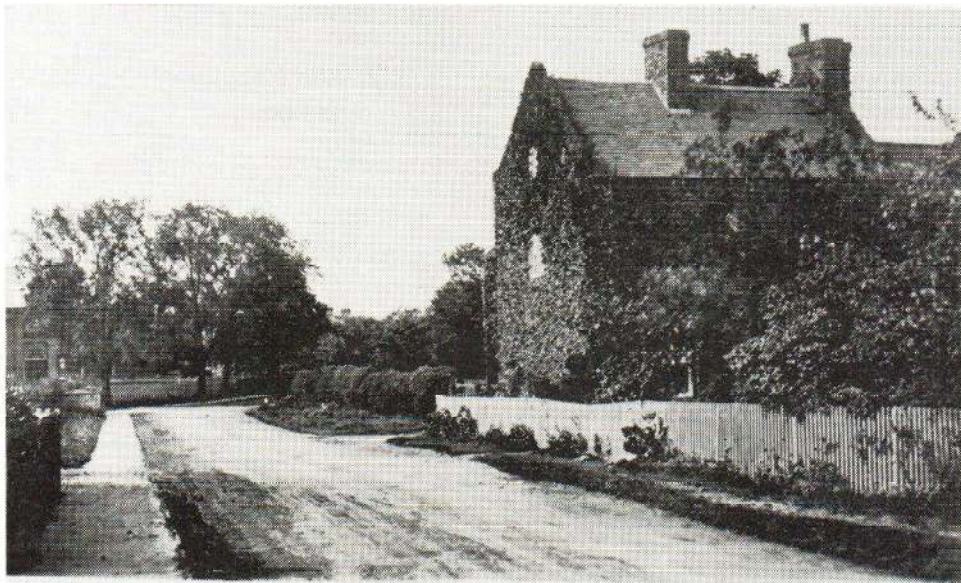
Thomas Drake was a beer retailer in 1824 and lived at the house now called Forge Cottage opposite the Village Hall. Other off-licences are noted under the section on the Post Office.



HICKLING.

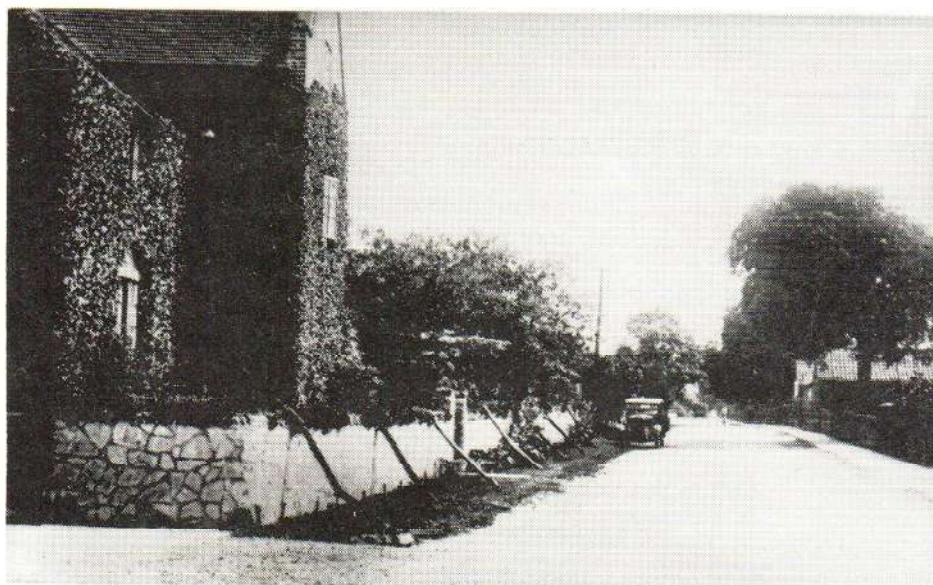


Hickling Village



Main Street, Hickling.

Original postcard date stamped 1923.



ENTERTAINMENTS

February 1895 Vocal and instrumental music, readings, recitations were given in the Board School Room, the room being tastefully decorated. Music was performed by the Hickling and Nether Broughton Brass Band. Sale of tickets realised £4. One third for institute funds and two thirds to be distributed amongst the poor of the Parish. Tickets 2/- each.

July 1895 Wesleyan Choir annual trip to Hunstanton. The party left Hickling at 5.30 a.m. in conveyances for Upper Broughton Station. Carriages were reserved for the party. Arrival at 9.30 a.m. Fine day. The return journey commenced at 7.40 p.m. arriving home at 12 o'clock.

August 1895 Hickling Church Choir annual outing to Grimsby and Cleethorpes. The party left Hickling in conveyances at 6.40 a.m. for Bingham. A saloon carriage was booked on the train due to leave at 8.20 a.m. The party reached Cleethorpes at 12 o'clock, leaving for home at 7.30 p.m. and arriving back at 12 o'clock.

November 1897 An entertainment of songs, glees, readings etc. were given by members of the Glee Club in the institute. Proceeds were for funds for the institute.

October 1903 A magic-lantern lecture for the opening of the winter session of the Church Temperance Guild was held in the institute. The Rector presided.

March 1906 Mens Guild. A lecture was given in the institute by the Rev. Pimm of Colston Bassett.

September 1906 The Wesleyan Sunday School Children were taken by teachers and officers with their friends to Holwell Mouth for an afternoon pic-nic. The party left about 11.30 a.m., some in vehicles, others on bicycles. Tea was served in the afternoon and the party left for home at 6.30 p.m.

August 1907 Scholars attending the Church Sunday School had a most enjoyable excursion to Belvoir Castle. They assembled at 11 a.m. at Clawson Lane where conveyances awaited them. The conveyances were generously provided for the journey by Messrs. H. Edgson, Geo. Collishaw, James Collishaw, Geo. Faulks, John and Wm. Mann and T.G. Wiles. The home journey commenced at 7 p.m. and after a ride through the woods arrived home at 9.15 p.m.