

THE
HISTORY & ANTIQUITIES
OF
THORNE,
WITH SOME
ACCOUNT OF THE DRAINAGE
OF
HATFIELD CHASE.

"Such is the patriot's boast where'er we roam,
His first, best country, ever is at home;
And yet, perhaps, if countries we compare,
And estimate the blessings which they share,
Though patriots flatter, still shall wisdom find
An equal portion dealt to all mankind."

GOLDSMITH.

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PREFACE.

IN compiling this little work, endeavours have been used to collect all the interesting particulars extant relating to Thorne, from the works of others, from the few manuscript documents that exist, as well as from the kind communications of those friends who have been disposed to assist in the design. And, as it is expected that the history of this town and neighbourhood will principally come into the hands of those whose connexion with and local knowledge of the district may be supposed to give them an interest in whatever relates to it, further preface or apology for the introduction of matter which, in the cool judgment of a stranger might appear unimportant, will be unnecessary.

A short sketch of the Drainage of the Level of Hatfield Chase has been introduced; and, should the reader be desirous of obtaining more information relative to that important undertaking, Hunter's "*History and Topography of the Deanery of Doncaster*" will furnish many further and highly interesting particulars.

In issuing a third edition of the History of Thorne, further endeavours have been used to make it as correct as possible, so far as means have been obtainable; fresh matter has been added, and it is hoped that this attempt to record as much of by-gone events of the town and neighbourhood as is practicable will meet the approval of those interested in the locality.

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