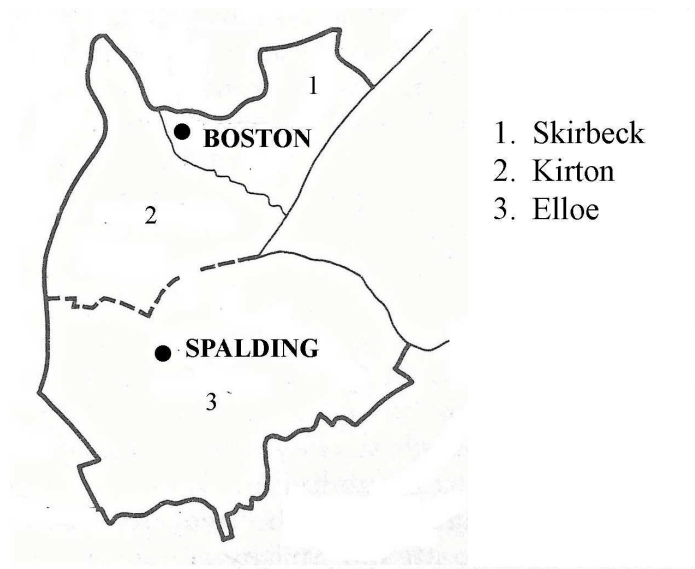
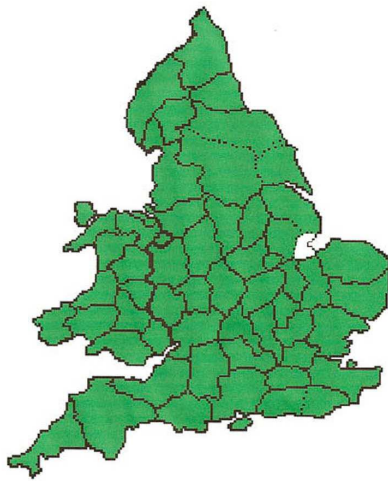


## LINCOLNSHIRE (Parts of HOLLAND)



Holland was the smallest of the three Parts into which Lincolnshire was traditionally divided. It was bordered to the west by the Parts of Kesteven, to the north by the Parts of Lindsey, and to the east by the North Sea. To the south, the adjacent counties were Rutland, Cambridgeshire and Norfolk.







Holland consisted of three wapentakes, Skirbeck, Kirton and Elloe. At certain times and for certain purposes, the first two were combined in the administrative region of North Holland, while Elloe was known as South Holland.

The announcement of the weights and measures in 1826 came from the single authority for Holland. In 1857, a unified police force for the whole of Lincolnshire was established, with officers moving between the Parts, and the inspection of weights and measures became its responsibility.

The ancient boroughs of Boston and Spalding had separate jurisdiction.

There is little evidence of activity in Spalding, where the county inspector for Elloe lived, and the authority officially took over in 1862. Boston remained a separate authority until the great reorganisation of 1974. It was the centre for numerous commercial activities, and the trade in scales and weights flourished there.

# A: Inspection by the County of LINCOLNSHIRE (Parts of HOLLAND)

| Dates | Events   | Marks   | Comments  |
|-------|--|---|---|
| 1795  |  |   | 3 wapentakes: Elloe, Kirton, Skirbeck. In the early 19th century there were two divisions with separate administrations: North Holland = Kirton and Skirbeck, South Holland = Elloe.  |
| 1825  | One set of standards [186] verified.   | <br>HOLLAND  |   |
| 1834  | 1826 inspectors continued in office, 4 being appointed for Kirton & Skirbeck, 2 for Elloe; another set of standards [516] verified. From 1842 there were only two inspectors.  | <br><br> | <i>Inspectors 1826-62:</i><br>Elloe:<br>1826 Thos King, Thomas Pick<br>1834 Thos. King, Thomas Pick<br>Thomas Bemrose (1842-62)<br>Thomas King 1847 [Sbk].<br>Kirton:<br>1826 John Paul, William Simonds<br>Skirbeck:<br>1826 John Coupland, Joseph Rinder<br>Kirton and Skirbeck:<br>1834 John Coupland John Paul, Joseph Rinder, Wm. Simonds<br>William Tooms (1842-47)<br>Thomas Hampton (1848-57) |
| 1857  | Lincolnshire Police formed. The force was unified and its Chief Constable was also the chief inspector of WM for all three Parts of Lincolnshire. There were two police divisions in Holland; they were probably numbered 5 and 6. |    | <i>Police as inspectors 1857-89:</i><br>[1867, 68 Returns; 1872 White]<br>1. Kirton & Skirbeck (Boston)<br>Thomas Manton (1857-71)<br>John Thorsby (1872-77)<br>Richard Sowdon (1878-80)<br>Edwin Crawford (1880-89)  |
| 1866  | Two police superintendents acting as inspectors.   |   | 2. Elloe (Spalding)<br>John Leaper (1862-83)<br>George Jarvis (1883-89)   |
| 1879  | Numbers 129-143 issued for Lincolnshire:<br>131 (Kirton & Skirbeck?)<br>132 (probably Elloe)   |    |   |

# WEIGHTS and MEASURES.

*The Parts of HOLLAND, in the county of Lincoln.*  
**H**IS Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting in and for the Parts of Holland, in the county of Lincoln, *hereby give Notice*, that Sets of the several Weights and Measures after-mentioned have been sized and sealed by the Standard Weights and Measures in his Majesty's Exchequer at Westminster, and procured for the use of these parts: viz.

*Avoirdupoise.*—One Brass Weight of 56 Pounds, one of 28 pounds, one of 14 pounds, one of 7 pounds, one of 4 pounds, one of 2 pounds, one of 1 pound; one of 8 Ounces, one of 4 ounces, one of 2 ounces, one of 1 ounce; one of 8 Drachms, one of 4 drachms, one of 2 drachms, and one of 1 drachm.

*Imperial Measures.*—One Measure of a Bushel, one of Half-a-Bushel, one of a Peck, one of a Gallon, one of Half-a-Gallon, one of a Quart, one of a Pint, one of Half-a-Pint, one of a Gill, one of Half-a-Gill, one of a Yard.

And for the convenience of the public, Mr. JOHN PAUL and Mr. WILLIAM SIMONDS, Inspectors of Weights and Measures, will attend with the same at the times and places hereinafter mentioned, for the purpose of adjusting the Weights and Measures used within the said parts: viz.

At the King's Head in Kirton,  
on Thursday the 30th day of  
March instant; and

At the Crown and Anchor in  
Skirbeck Quarter, on Saturday  
the 1st day of April next.

} For the Wapentake  
of Kirton.

Mr. JOHN COUPLAND and Mr. JOSEPH RINDER, Inspectors of Weights and Measures, will attend with the same for the purpose of adjusting the Weights and Measures used within the said parts,

At the Lord Nelson in Bening-  
ton, on Friday the 31st day of  
March instant.

} For the Wapentake  
of Skirbeck.

And Mr. THOMAS PICK and Mr. THOMAS KING, Inspectors of Weights and Measures, will attend with the same at the times and places hereinafter-mentioned, for the purpose of adjusting the Weights and Measures used within the said parts: viz.

At the Town-hall in Spalding, until Tuesday the  
28th day of March instant (Sunday excepted);

At the Chequers Inn in Holbeach, on Thurs-  
day the 30th day of March instant;

At the Bull Inn in Sutton Saint Mary's, on Fri-  
day the 31st day of the same month of March;

And at the Angel Inn in Crowland, on Mon-  
day the 3d day of April next.

} For the Wapen-  
take of Elloe.

From Ten in the morning to Five in the afternoon of each day.—And all persons are hereby required to take notice and to attend at the times and places aforesaid with their Weights and Measures, and to have them adjusted accordingly.

FRA. THIRKILL,

Clerk of the Peace for the said Parts.

Boston, 20th March, 1826.




¶ A 4oz bronze weight, showing the original mark for the parts of Holland, together with the Birmingham mark from the time of George IV.

¶ A 2oz brass weight, showing the South Holland, No 1 mark, together with the later mark above the district mark 132.




¶ Detail from a 4oz brass weight, showing the Holland No 6 mark

| Dates | Events   | Marks  | Comments   |
|-------|--|--|--|
| 1889  | Holland CC formed; Supts Crawford and Jarvis resigned to allow the appointment of a civilian inspector | <br><b>VR</b><br><b>558</b> | <i>Qualified inspectors:</i><br>Harold Massey (q1890/1-1900)<br>[MR 00: 199; 01: 145]<br>Leonard J.E. Page (1900-02)<br>[MR 00: 214; 01: 103, 134, 173, 230] (failed to qualify)<br>Herbert C. Card (q 1901/2 in Kent, 1902-04)<br>Albert J. Spiller (q 1902/3 in Bristol, 1904-05)<br>[MR 04: 190; 05: 179]<br>William Grassam (q1902/3 in Staffs, 1905-13)<br>[MR 13: 119]<br>Robert Slimming (q 1904/5 in Northumberland, 1913-17)<br>George E. Hagan (q1909 at South Shields, 1917-47)<br>[MR 47:96]<br>L.A. Lloyd (-1949-54)<br>[MR 49:164, 54:219]<br>H.J. Partridge (1952-67)<br>[MR 68: 3]<br>K. Elkington (1968-) |
| 1890  | No.558 issued; one inspector qualified.  |  |  |
| 1901  | John Barham (ex CC and IWM, Louth) initially appointed, but unqualified, so appointment rescinded.     |  |  |
| 1950  | Number 558 still in use.   |  |  |
| 1974  | Authority transferred to the new unified Lincolnshire County Council.                                  |  |  |



**B: Localities with separate jurisdiction in the County of LINCOLNSHIRE  
(Parts of HOLLAND)**

| Locality      | Status                 | Marks   |                 | Dates<br>&<br>Notes                |
|---------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|------------------------------------|
|               |                        | Non-uniform   | Number pre-1951 |                                    |
| <b>Boston</b> | AncBo<br>MB:1835<br>cp |  | 198             | s:1826 r:1867 [208]<br>n:1879-1974 |

The mark represents a ram lying on a woolpack, and refers to the contribution of the wool trade to the prosperity of the borough.

In 1834 Thomas L. Atkin was appointed as inspector and was still active in 1837 [*SM*: 3/11/37]. By 1843, [*SM*: 6/10/43] John Tonge, ironmonger, was the IWM, when he was working alongside the Market Jury, still functioning in 1857 [*SM*: 9/10/57]. Even at this point, it was commented that John Tonge was too old for duty and should enlist the help of his son [*SM*: 13/11/57]. After a period of two years when no testing had been done, John Tonge Snr's appointment was cancelled in 1862 and his son John Tonge Jnr, a brazier, was appointed in his stead [*LC*: 14/2/62]. He continued in post until his death at the age of 69, in 1868 [*SM*: 17/7/68]. Charles Tonge was unanimously appointed to succeed his father as IWM [*LC*: 14/8/68] and was listed as inspector in 1896 [*AR*] and 1919 [*K*].

The post of inspector was vacant in 1922 [*Kelly*]. The county inspector, George E. Hagan, was responsible, at least from 1926 [*Kelly*] until his retirement in 1947 [*MR* 47:96]. At that time a separate inspector, D. Daker was appointed [*MR* 47:63]. Subsequently, the inspectors were: A.G. Vaughan (1950-56-) [*MR* 56:163]; C.H. Hicks (1959-63-) [*MR* 59:207]; E.J. Latham (1964- ) [*MR* 64:159].



¶ A 4oz brass weight,  
with the non-uniform  
Boston mark.

¶ A 4oz brass weight, with the non-uniform Boston mark, together with the uniform number 198, stamped in the reigns of Victoria and Edward VII.



| Locality  | Status  | Marks       |                 | Dates<br>&<br>Notes |
|---|---------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|
|   |         | Non-uniform | Number pre-1951 |                     |
| <b>Spalding</b>   | MktTown |             | ---             | s:1839 r:1858       |
| <p>In 1839 standards [866] were issued to Charles Johnson, inspector. The standards were reverified in 1858, and, by this stage, the county inspector Thomas Bemrose, of Spalding, was acting as IWM [SM: 9/7/58]. He continued to act for the borough and the county until 1862, when inspection was transferred to John Leaper, a superintendent of the county police [LC: 14/4/62]. The standards were delivered to the chief constable of the county after re-verification in 1869.</p> |         |             |                 |                     |

## C: The trade in Lincolnshire (Parts of HOLLAND)

| <b>BOSTON</b>            |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <b>Thompson</b>          | <p>George Thompson first advertised in 1826 [SM: 26/9/26] his double and single weighing machines and weights of the most approved principles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West Street &lt;1826&gt;</li> <li>• Bargate Bridge, Skirbeck &lt;1826-48&gt;</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Fendelow</b>          | <p>John Fendelow, ironmonger, advertised that “WM could be adjusted and stamped through him” in 1834 [SM: 5/12/34]. By the beginning of 1835, he boasted a new supply of pewter measures and brass weights, of superior quality [SM: 30/1/35]. He resurfaced in 1854, advertising weighing machines and weights [SM: 10/11/54] and was listed in 1855 [K]. By 1865, George Fendelow had taken over the business [J], adding scales to the list in 1868 [SM: 21/2/68].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25, High St &lt;1854-68&gt;</li> </ul> |
| <b>Green</b>             | <p>J. Green advertised in 1835 as a coach builder and weighing machine maker [SM: 1/5/35].</p>  |
| <b>Thomas Stephenson</b> | <p>Thomas Stephenson first advertised in 1879 that he supplied new weights under the New Standard and would take old weights in exchange [SM: 14/2/79]. The firm Thomas Stephenson &amp; Son was still advertising as an ironfounders in 1939.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vauxhall Foundry &lt;1879&gt;</li> </ul>  |
| <b>C.S. Stephenson</b>   | <p>C.S. Stephenson carried a similar advertisement to Thomas [SM: 21/3/79].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mount Bridge Iron Works, Skirbeck &lt;1879&gt;</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Barrett</b>           | <p>William S(nart) Barrett was first listed as a weighing machine manufacturer in 1882 [W]; &amp; Son first appeared in the name of the company in 1919 [K].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 92, West St &lt;1882-1900&gt;</li> <li>• 108, West St &lt;1896-39&gt;, fruiterer &lt;1896-1900&gt;</li> <li>• 106, West St &lt;1919-39&gt;</li> <li>• Mill Lane &lt;1922-39&gt;</li> <li>• Witham Town &lt;1969&gt;</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Gatward</b>           | <p>Leonard Gatward was first listed as a weighing machine maker in 1933 [K]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 43, Hospital Lane &lt;1933-39&gt;</li> </ul>   |
| <b>W&amp;T Avery</b>     | <p>Avery was first listed in Boston in 1937 [K] as a weighing machine maker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8, Red Lion Square &lt;1937&gt;</li> <li>• 83 West St &lt;1963-69&gt;</li> </ul>   |



WEIGHTS and MEASURES, BEAMS, SCALES, STEEL-  
YARDS, WEIGHING MACHINES, &c.

**P**ERSONS using Weights and Measures who have not had them stamped, may have them *adjusted* and *stamped*, according to the New Act of Parliament, by sending them to the Shop of J. FENDELOW, Ironmonger, *High-street*, BOSTON.—Beams, Scales, Steelyards, and Weighing Machines, adjusted and repaired.

Any persons using Weights or Measures unstamped, or having in their possession Weights, Measures, Beams, Scales, Steelyards, or Weighing Machines, which are incorrect, are liable to a penalty of *five pounds*.

J. F. is enabled to supply new Sets of Exchequer verified Standard Weights or Measures, for the use of Inspectors, either the same quality as those now used, or a superior quality, or any single Weight or Measure, verified according to the Act, to complete Sets used by Inspectors.

Old and damaged Standard Weights or Measures which have been used by Inspectors repaired, adjusted, and re-verified as the Act requires.

✂ Weights and Measures, and a general assortment of Ironmongery, on sale. *Boston, Oct. 1835.*

¶ An advertisement by John Fendelow, of Boston, published in the Stamford Mercury on 16, October, 1835, p. 3.

| SPALDING |  |
|----------|--|
| Rose     | William Rose, ironmonger, advertised weighing machines and weights in 1834 [SM: 3/1/34]. |

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