MELKSHAM.
WITH THE CHAPELRY OF SEMINGTON AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.

MELKSHAM is a parish, in the hundred of its name—
the market town, one considerable antiquity, is 96 miles w. by s. from London, 30 m. s.w. from Salisbury, 12 m. from Bath, between 6 and 7 s. from Chippenham, and 5 s. s.w. from Corsham; situated on the line of Wilts, Somerset, and Weymouth Railway, on the main road between Bath and the Metropolis, and on the high road from Devizes to Bradford on Avon. It consists principally of one street nearly a mile in length, paved and gas-lighted; the houses are in general good, and built of free-stone, and the public buildings, together exhibits the aspect of comfort and prosperity. During the Saxon era, it was a place of some importance; and at the period of the Norman survey, and for several subsequent régions, was held in royal demesne, and gave name to an extensive forest. In the reign of Henry VIII it had fallen into decay, but, during the last century, experienced a revival from its cloth manufacture. Its name is derived from melch or mich, milk, and ham, a dwelling, and was formerly spelt Milham and Milham. The lower part of the town is denominated the city, a pre-sapient proof of its ancient superiority; and this is further confirmed by the taillage it paid to the reign of King John, which amounted to twelve marks—Salisbury paying only forty shillings. The only modern buildings are the cheese market and the town hall, erected in 1847 by a company of shareholders, at a cost of £3,508. They form a spacious and well-arranged edifice, in the Italian style of architecture, definitely ornamental to the town. The town hall contains a spacious apartment, the magistrates assemble in petty session for the division, on the last Wednesday in every month. There is also a reading room in the same building, and is well attended by the leading journals, both metropolitan and provincial. Walter Long, Esqr, is lord of the manor, and holds a court leet half yearly. Melksham is a polling station at the election of members to represent North Wilts; and it is included in a circuit of towns under the new County Court Act, for the recovery of debts to any amount not exceeding £50. The manufactures comprise some fine broad cloths, flat and round ropes, and sacking. The Wilts and Berks canal passes to the east of the town.

POST OFFICE, Market-place, Melksham, John Bullock, Post-Master—Letters from London and places East and South arrive every morning at twenty minutes past four, and are despatched at a quarter before ten at night.

Letters from London (second mail) and places North arrive every afternoon at ten minutes before two, and are despatched at twenty minutes past four in the morning.
DIRECTORY.

MELKSHAM. &c. Wiltshire.

ATTORNEYS.

Awdry Henry Goddard, D. & J. Wiltshire, Market place
Hand & Gore, Bankst
Smith Alexander B. & Master extra
in chancery, Market place

BANKERS.

North Wiltshire Banking Company
Bank st & (draw. Drewett & Fowler, London), Thomas, manager

Savings' Bank, Melksham—Chas. Thomas, manager

BLACKSMITHS.

Bendy James, Neington
Bishop William, City
Jordan John, Devizes road
John Richard, City
Oake William, King st

BOOKSELLERS & STATIONERS.

Cochrane John, & printer, Bank st, Fooks Thos. (stationer), Market pl

BOWARDS & TOW EMMEN.

Allward Gideon, Bank st
Angell William, Whiteley
Backland Abraham, Cumber
Backland William, King st
Davis Abraham, Bath buildings
Hale John, Caroline buildings
Bages James, Acme
Jarvis Charles, Market place
Kee John, Church st
Lane William, Semington
Little Abraham, City
Merchant John, City
Mitchell Richard, City
Mitchell Thomas, City

Mortimer Robert, Church st
Saull Rebt, & (brother seller), Bank st
Stokes Susen, Bank st
Sumner John, Church st
Sumner Thomas, High st
Usher William, King st

BRAZIERS AND TIN-MEN.

Coombes Joseph, Market place
Keadell John, Acre

BREWERS.

Barton & Joyce (ale & porter)
Melksham Brewery
Haskell Jenia, Shaw
Ricketts Thomas, City

BUCHERS.

Ellis Edmund, (park), City
Haines George, Bath buildings
Harris Joseph, Bath buildings
Harris Elizabeth, Church st
Newman Thomas, Bank st
Taylor Thomas, City

CABINET MAKERS.

Newton Henry, Canon square
Stokes George, Market place
Woodman George, Lowbourne

CARPENTERS AND WHEELwrights.

Bolwell William, King st
Belg Laura, Bank st
Hale William, Whiteley
Hinder Jasper, Devizes road
Knap James, Bath road
Sprage James, Cobourg place
Stokes George, Bank st
Webb Henry, King st
Webb William, King st
Wilhure Robert, Semington

CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS.

Fooks Thos. Howe, Market place
Mundy Walter, High st

CLOTHIERS.

Phillips & Smith, Melksham Mill

COAL MERCHANTS.

Bendy John (dealer), Broughton la
Mages Charles, Market place
Theobald John, Semington

CONFECTIONERS.

Ruddle Henry, High st
Shaw Benjamin, Market place
Young Stephen, Market place

FIRE, &c. OFFICE AGENTS.

Alliance, Charles Thomas Moule
Bank st

AGENTS, Jas. Sprag., De'ziers

ARGIN (life), George Plummer,
Church st

[Market place
BRITANNIA (life), Thos. Howe, Fooks
COUNTY (fire), Henry Mansfield,
Bank st

GENERAL, William Porter, Bank st
CHESNAM (life), Alfred Woolridge,
Bank st

IMPERIAL, Alexander B. Smith, Mrs. 
ARBER (life), Alfred Woolridge,
Bank st

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ROYAL FARMERS & GENERAL,
Walter Mundy, High st

ROYAL LIVERPOOL, William Eyres,
Bank st

SOLICITORS & GENERAL,
Alexander B. Smith, Market place

STANDARD, Walter Mundy, High st

STAR, Joseph Herbert Mages,
Market place

SUN, H.G. & J.W. Goddard, Market
WEST OF ENGLAND, John Cochrane,
Bank st

GROCERS & TEA DEALERS.

See also Shopkeepers, &c.

Cooper Thomas, High st
Fowler & Co. (tea dealers), Bank st
Hayward Reuben, High st
Malinson Charles, (tea dealer), Bank st
Redman & Stratton, High st

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Barton & Joyce, Bank st
Cooper Thomas, High st
Haleland Jemima, Shaw
Malinson Charles, Bank st
Redman & Stratton, High st

INNS.

See also Taverns & Public Houses.

Hear (commercial), William Joyce,
Bank st

Bell, George Woodridge, City
George, James Newman, Bank st
King's Arms, Jas. Bird, Market pl

IRONMONGERS.

Eyres William, Bank st
Simpson Robert, High st

LEATHER DEALERS.

Little Abraham, City
Shaal Robert, Bank st

LINEN DRAPPERS.

Butterworth Ann, King st
Sharland Frederick Geo., Bath bds
Smith Frederick, Market place
Woodman Eliza & Mary Ann, Bank st

MALTSTERS.

Bruges Thomas, Church st
Cellett George, Whitley
Hagoland Jemima, Shaw
Maitrevas William, Semington
Taylor William, Forest

MILLERS.

Jefferys Samuel Alexander, Melksham Mill
Jefferys Thomas, jun., Melksham Mill
MILLINERS & ADDRESS MAKERS
Allwood Ann, Devizes
Freeman Juliana, High st
Hunt Jane, City
Ricketts Salibus, Lowbourne
Sharland Elizabeth, Bath buildings
Woodbridge Elizabeth, City

PAINTERS, PLUMBERS AND GLAZIERS.

Berry John Peter, Bank st
Bake Henry, Cobourg square
Butler John, Union st
Coombes William Web, King st
Haines Edwin, Canbould
Harris Joseph, Canbould

POST MASTERS.

Buckland John, Bank st
Crook Thomas, Market place

SHOE & TIN MANUFACTURERS.

Mages & Co. (flat and round rope), Market place
Mages Joseph Herbert (and sack tarpoiling, and marquee tent), Market place

SADDLERS.

Buckland John, Bank st

SHOPKEEPERS & DEALERS IN
GROCERIES & SUNDRIES.

Bigwood William, King st
Colbourne Joseph, Caroline bildings
Davis Benjamin, Caroline buildings
Dicks Jane, Semington
Flower William, Semington
Hedges John, Broughton lane
Jarvis Thomas, Market place
Jones William, Market place
Mitchell Richard, King st
Porter William, Bank st
Sparder Joseph, King st
Sidwell Thomas, King st
Snow Charlotte, City
Wills George, City

SILVER & PLATERS.

Colbourn Henry, Union st
Colbourn Nelson, Market place
Sprage James, Devizes road

Wiltshire Abel, King st

SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

Barton & Joyce (and wine), Bank st
Cooper Thomas, High st
Hayward Reuben, High st

STONE MASON.

King Henry, Church st
Rumsey John, Forest
Sprage James, Cobourg place

TOWNSEND Henry, City
Wills Thomas, City

STRAW BONNET MAKERS.

Joswell Mary, King st

Kee John, Bath buildings
Pickett Ellen, Devizes road
Shepperd Sarah, Bath road

WIGS.

Kenridge George, Market place
Kine Jasper, Lowbourne
Pilnamer George, Church st
TAILORS.
Bailey Zechariah, Lowbourne
Fricker & Hunt, Bath buildings
Gerrish Isaac, King st.
Lagden, Woolsthorpe, Church st.
Matthews John, Bank st.
Parke William, City
Seaman Richard, Cannon square
Stevenson John, King st.
TAVERNS & PUBLIC HOUSES.
Old Crown, Richard Buckingham, Market place.
Royal Oak, Wm. Whale, High st.
Unicorn, Alfred Cox, City
Wagon & Horses, Hannah Gulliver, Simmons, manager.
White Hart, Wm. Buckland, King st.
RETAILERS OF BEER.
Butler Thomas, City
Miles John Semington
Ricketts Thomas, City
Ramsay John, Forest
Webb Dennis, Whittington road
Witt Thomas, City
WATCH AND CLOCK MAKERS.
Bullock John, Market st.
Burgess Henry, High st.
ministers various.
Eyres Willaim, Bank st.
Keen Charles City
MISCELLANEOUS.
Bailey Zechariah, marine store dealer, Lowbourne.
Ball John, clog and pattern maker
Bridges William, professor of music, Camera.
Colbourn Henry, bacon factor, High st.
Eyres Wm., iron founder, Bank st.
Flots George, registrar of births, deaths, and marriage.
Gas Works, Bank street.
Gore John, cooper, City
Harding Henry, cooper, City
Hinder Saml, auctioneer, Market pl.
Honeywell John, furniture broker, King st.
Hughes Henry, clothes dealer, King st.
James Wm., tallow chandler, King st.
Jordan John, agricultural implement maker, Devizes road.
Keevil William, cooper, Shurnold.
Lark Wm., boat builder, Semington.
Manfield Hy., cor. tailor, Bank st.
Market House, Market square.
Thomas Jarvis, clerk.
Marks Tubs, working cutler, Church st.
Millard Mary Ann, haberdasher, Church st.
Moon John, fellmonger, City
North John, coach builder, Church st.
Pheipa Philip, clerk to the magistrates, Market place.
Pocock William, poulterer, Whitely.
Policeman, Market place.
Charles Merrett, inspector.
Richings Thomas, inland revenue officer, Lowbourne.
Rixon Peter, turner and cooper.
Semington road.
Salter Joseph, sexton, Canon square.
Smith Wm., brush maker, Devizes.
Stamp Office, Bank st.
Thomas F. G. Monk, sub-distributor.
Theobald John, corn merchant, Semington.
Town Hall, Market place.
Wight George, bookbinder, High st.
Woodman Jeremiah, china dealer, Bank st.

PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND THEIR MINISTERS.
SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH, CANDON SQUARE.
Governor—Edward Ingram.
Matron—Charlotte Ingram.
Schoolmaster—J. R. Richards.
Clerk to the Board of Guardians—Philip Philips.
Chaplain—Revd. Thomas Scott.
Surgeon—George Silvester.
Relieving Officer—George Floors.

REGISTRARS OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, & MARRIAGES,
Superintendent Registrar—Philip Philips.
Registrar of Marriages—John Kne, Bath buildings.
Registrar of Births and Deaths—George Floors, Devizes road.

COUNTY COURT, HELD AT THE TOWN HALL MONTHLY.
Judge—Joseph Grimes Smith, Esq. &
High Bailiff—John Gilbert.
Clerk—Charles Thomas Moule.
Bailiff—Henry Millard.

COACHES.
To Bath, Shepherd's Coach (from Devizes), calls at the New Crown and Bear every morning at nine; and the Star, (from Reading), calls at the Bear every morning at a quarter past ten.
To Devizes, Shepherd's Coach (from Bath), calls at the New Crown every morning at seven.
To Reading, the Star (from Bath), calls at the Bear, and King's Arms every morning at a quarter past ten.

CONVEYANCE BY RAILWAY.
On the Wilts, Somerset and Weymouth Line.
Station at Shurnold, Michael Smith, clerk.

CARRIERS.
To Bath, Thomas Sutton, from the New Crown, Monday & Thursday.
To Bristol, Thomas Sutton, from the New Crown, Wednesday & Saturday.
To Calne, Stephen Spackman, from the George, Tuesday.
To Chippenham, John & Co., from the George, daily, and forward goods thence, per rail, to all parts; and William Arter, from his own house, Market place, daily.
To Corsham, James Douse, from the George, Thursday.
To Devizes, Thomas Sutton, from the New Crown, Wednesday and Saturday.
To Calne, Stephen Spackman, from the George, daily, and forward goods thence, per rail, to all parts; and William Arter, from his own house, Market place, daily.

MERE.
It is a parish giving name to a hundred—the market town, a small one, is 102 miles W. S. W. from London, 22 miles from Salisbury, 8 miles from Salisbury, (Dorset), the same distance west from Hinton, and 15 miles from Warrington; situated on the high road from Salisbury and Amesbury to Wincanton.

The parish church of Saint Michael is a spacious and handsome building, with a tower at the west end crowned by spires at the angles. The screen which separates the nave from the chancel is rich open work, and the belfry has a beautiful carved oak casing. The living is a vicarage, in the patronage of the Dean of Salisbury, and incumbency of the Rev. Henry Wake; the Rev. Thomas Tindal, in his present capacity. There is a place of worship for Independents. An endowment, left by Dr. Tatcham, of £10 per annum, is apportioned among the inhabitants.