

tuesday & saturday; Cook, from the 'Bear & Castle,' saturday  
**RAMSBURY**—Pounds, from & to 'Bear & Castle,' High street, wednesday & saturday; Denton, from & to 'Bear & Castle,' saturday, & from & to 'Rose & Crown,' wednesday  
**SALISBURY**, through Burbage, Collingbourne, Upper & Lower Tedworth, Chelderton, Edmiston, Winterbourne, &c. Cox's van from the 'Five Alls,' at 7 a.m. monday & friday, returning from Salisbury 1 p.m. tuesday & saturday  
**SWINDON**—Jordan's van from the 'Bear & Castle,' saturday, & May's waggons, mon. wed. & fri. from their own office

**MARSTON MAISEY**, a township and parish 3 miles north-east of Cricklade, in Cricklade parliamentary borough, near the Thames and Severn canal, in the hundred of Highworth, Cirencester union, North Wilts, diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, archdeaconry of Bristol. The living is a perpetual curacy, annexed to Maisey Hampton, and in the

**PRIVATE RESIDENTS.**  
 Baing Mr. Richard  
 Brown Mrs. Elizabeth  
 Forshew Mr. Edward  
 Holme Rev. Merrick  
 Lane Mrs  
**COMMERCIAL.**  
 Baing James, carpenter  
*National School*, John Smith, master; Mrs. Ann Smith, mistress

**SOUTH MARSTON** is a chapelry, tithing, and village near the Wilts and Berks canal and Great Western railway, in the parish of Highworth, and distant from it 3½ miles south, 4 east from Shrivenham station, 75¼ from London, and 4 north-west from Swindon station. The church, a plain structure, with square tower, contains 3 bells. It is a chapelry, annexed, with others, to the vicarage of High-

Bell Alfred, esq. Manor house  
**COMMERCIAL.**  
 Bourton John, farmer  
 Edwards Walter, farmer  
 Fisher Thomas, blacksmith  
 Howes Henry, farmer  
 Hughes Cornelius, shopkeeper  
 Litten Farmer, farmer  
 Litten Henry, beer retailer  
 Litten Thomas, farmer

*School* (for boys & girls), Mrs. Boys, mistress

**CARRIER**—William Titcomb, to Marlborough, saturday; to Highworth, wednesday; to Newbury, thursday

**MARTIN** is a parish on the borders of Hampshire and Dorsetshire, in South Damerham hundred, and Fordingbridge Poor-law union, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, and deanery of Chalke, distant 4 miles north-east from Cranbourne, and 9½ south-west-by-south from Salisbury. The living is a perpetual curacy, annual value £80, with residence, in the gift of the vicar of South Damerham, and held by the Rev. George Warwick Bampfylde Daniell,

Botley William, esq  
 Daniell Rev. George Warwick Bampfylde, M.A.  
**COMMERCIAL.**  
 Aldridge Matthew, farmer, Manor farm  
 Amey John, shopkeeper  
 Ayton James, farmer  
 Blandford John, farmer  
 Bound George, wheelwright & carpenter  
 Brooks George, farm bailiff

**POST OFFICE**.—William Pullen, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Salisbury at 10 a.m.; dispatched at 4 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Cranbourne

*National School*, Miss Sims, mistress

**MELKSHAM**, a township, market and union town, railway station, and parish in the hundred of the same name, 100 miles west-by-south from London, 30 north-west from Salisbury, 6 north-east of Bradford, 5½ north-east of Trowbridge, 7 west of Devizes, 9½ from Westbury, 14 from Warminster, 15½ from Frome, 12 east from Bath, 6¼ south from Chippenham, and 5 south-south-east from Corsham on the Wilts, Somerset, and Weymouth railway, diocese of Salisbury, archdeaconry of Wilts, and deanery of Potterne, contained, in 1851, 2,031 inhabitants in the town, and 6,073 in the parish, including 1,062 in Seend, and 12,572 acres of land. The tithe rent-charge to the impropiator is £978 8s. 10d., and to the vicar £900. During the West Saxon era this was a place of considerable note; at the period of the Norman survey, and for several subsequent reigns, it was held in royal demesne, and gave name to an extensive forest. The town is situated on the main road from London through Devizes to Bath, and on the banks of the Avon; it consists principally of one street, nearly a mile

**TEDWORTH**—Cox, from the 'Five Alls,' monday & friday  
**WANBOROUGH**—Whiteman, from the 'Bear & Castle,' sat  
**WILTON**—Davies, from & to 'Bear & Castle,' High st. sat  
**WINTERBOURNE BASSETT**—Spackman, from & to 'Green Dragon,' High street, tuesday & saturday  
**WOODBOROUGH**—Shipman, from the 'Green Dragon,' High street, saturday  
**WOOTTON RIVERS**—Mrs. Goddard, from & to 'Ailesbury Arms,' High street, saturday  
**WROUGHTON**—Russell, from & to 'Green Dragon,' High street, saturday

gift of the rector of Maisey Hampton; net income, £58; the Rev. Merrick Holme is the present incumbent. The church is dedicated to St. James. A school is partly supported by a small endowment. The parish contains a population of 237, and 1,276 acres.

Booker Edward F. farmer & landowner  
 Hewer John, farmer  
 James Edward, farmer  
 Lane Henry (Mrs.), farmer  
 Lane William, farmer  
 Pitt Charles, farmer  
 Ritchings James, farm bailiff  
 Scotford John, *Three Magpies*

Smith John, shoemaker  
 Sutton Thomas, shoemaker  
 Thomas Joseph, shopkeeper  
 Thomas Robert, *Spotted Cow*  
 Westall Robert, farmer  
 Letters through Fairford, which is also the nearest money order office

**CARRIER TO CIRENCESTER** — John Ricketts, passes through from Kempsford on mondays & fridays

worth. There is a Wesleyan chapel. Alfred Bell, esq., is lord of the manor and proprietor of the soil. Population, in 1851, 399.

**BEERTON**, and **HUNTS COPSE**, are half a mile north; **Rowborough**, a Roman settlement, 1 mile south-east; **Long Leaze**, 1½ mile south-east.

Love Richard, farmer  
 Pinniger Alice (Mrs.), farmer  
 Pinniger Charles, farmer  
 Ricks Enos, *Royal Oak*  
 Sharpe Robert, farmer  
 Smith Elizabeth (Mrs.), farmer  
 Smith William, farmer  
 Spinage Sophia (Mrs.), farmer  
 Stone William, parish clerk  
 Titcomb James, carpenter

Titcomb Ralph, *Carriers' Arms*  
 Tucker James, lock keeper to Canal company  
 Tuckey Henry, farmer  
 Tull Edward, dairyman  
 Warman William, farmer  
 White Henry, farmer  
 Withers Ralph, farmer  
 Letters through Swindon, which is also the nearest money order office

M.A. The church is an ancient structure, in the Early English style, with steeple and 3 bells, and has recently been repaired and restored, and a National school built at the cost of £320, of which £123 was contributed by the Committee of Council. The earliest register bears date 1590. There is a charity here bequeathed by the late William Talk, of 8s. per week to six poor and deserving persons in this parish. The population, in 1851, was 602, with 4,501 acres.

Butler Charles, *White Hart*  
 Cull William, farmer  
 Dibben John, carrier & dealer  
 Dove Charles, shoemaker  
 Ford John, farmer  
 Friend Martin Sweetapple, farmer & landowner  
 Harris George, shoemaker  
 Kipping John, farm bailiff  
 Martin Charles & Malachi, farmers

Pullen Wm. shopkeeper & sub-postmaster  
 Street Amelia (Mrs.), farmer & shopkeeper  
 Thompson Isaac, *Coote's Arms*  
 Thompson James, farmer  
 Waters George, farmer  
 Waters Thomas, farmer  
 Waters William, wheelwright  
 White John, shoemaker  
 White Josiah, blacksmith

in length, which is well paved and lighted with gas; the houses are well-built, of soft freestone, but irregularly placed. Two mineral springs, one saline and the other chalybeate, were discovered in the vicinity some years ago; and in 1816 a new saline spa was obtained by boring to a depth of 351½ feet. It was anticipated that Melksham would advance into note in consequence of the medicinal qualities these waters possessed, and every accommodation for visitors was provided, including a pump-room, hot and cold baths, a handsome crescent, and an agreeable promenade; but after a very great outlay, the wells did not prove attractive to visitors, and are now entirely in disuse. The manufactures comprise superfine broadcloths, flat and round ropes, haircloths, cocoa fibre and sacking; and there is considerable business in malting. Petty sessions are held by the Justices of the Peace for Melksham division at the Town-hall on the last Tuesday in every month, and a County court for the recovery of small debts is likewise held at the same place every fourth week. The Town-hall and

cheese market were erected in 1847 by a company of shareholders, at an expense of £3,350; they form a spacious and well-arranged edifice of white freestone, in the Italian style, and a great ornament to the town. The river Avon passes through the town, and is crossed by a handsome bridge of four arches, with light and elegant balustrades; near are one of the largest corn-mills in the county, an extensive cloth factory and dye-houses. The Wilts and Berks canal passes on the east of the town, and about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mile southward joins the Kennet and Avon canal. The market is held every Monday for butter, poultry, &c.; on the first Monday in the month for cheese; and on every other Monday in the month for cattle, sheep, pigs, &c. An annual fair for cattle, sheep, horses, &c., is held in the Market-place on the 27th of July. The living is a vicarage, with the chapelries of Seend and Earl Stoke annexed, value £1,215 per annum, with residence, in the patronage of the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury; the Rev. George Hume, M.A., is the

incumbent. The church of St. Michael is a spacious structure of freestone, with a handsome embattled tower surmounted by pinnacles, and was considerably improved and enlarged in 1846, at an expense of £2,000. The district chapelry of Whitley and Shaw is attached, of which the Rev. George Nutt, M.A., is the incumbent. The living is a perpetual curacy, in the gift of the vicar of Melksham. There are places of worship for Baptists, Independents, the Society of Friends, and Wesleyan Methodists; and National, British, and Infant schools. The Melksham union comprises six parishes. The Poor-house, a substantial stone building, is situated in the village of Semington, about 2 miles from the town. Melksham is a polling-place at elections for North Wilts. Walter Long, Esq., M.P., is lord of the manor.

BEANACRE and Blackmore are tithings; Shaw and Whitley form a chapelry, with 632 inhabitants.

## PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Awdry Justly William, esq. Market pl  
Blewitt Mrs. Caroline, Coburgh place  
Crook Mrs. Ann, King street  
Evans Mr. Hugh Foskett, Bath road  
Eyres William, esq. Market place  
Fisher Mrs. Robert, Avon villa  
Fowler Miss Rachael, Bank street  
Fricker Mr. John, Lowbourne  
Fuller Rev. Thomas, Union street  
Gaby William, esq. West brook  
Godwin Mr. Edward, Bower hill cottage  
Gore Arthur, esq. Canonhold  
Heathcot Mrs. Thomas, Shaw hill house  
Hume Rev. George, M.A. [vicar],  
Canon square  
Husband Mrs. Whitley  
Jeffereys Samuel, esq. Coburgh place  
Jefferys Mrs. Mary, Lowbourne

Jefferys Thomas, esq. next the Bridge  
Kenrick George Cranmer, esq. the Grove  
King Jasper Rumboll, esq. Lowbourne  
Lopes Ralph Pudlow, esq. Sandridge pk  
Mann Rev. Leigh, Union street  
Meach Capt. Thomas, Coburgh place  
Meech Francis, Canon square  
Merewether Henry Alfred, esq. Bowden  
vale  
Miles Misses, Canonhold  
Moule Charles Thomas, esq. 1 Spa  
Moule Miss M. 2 Spa  
Nutt Rev. George, M.A. Shaw  
Orchard Mr. Thomas, Lowbourne  
Palmer Thomas, esq. Bank street  
Phelps Philip, esq. Market place  
Phillips Mrs. Edward, Avon house  
Phillips Mrs. John Ledyard, Avon ter  
Phillips Mr. James, Rose cottage

Plimmer George, esq. Canon square  
Pritchard John, esq. Coburgh place  
Rawlings James, esq. Shurnhold  
Rose Mr. Richard George, Shurnhold  
Rose Mr. Richard Nottingham, Shurn-  
hold  
Simpson Miss, Spa road  
Simpson William, esq. Watson's barton  
Smith Alexander Blucher, esq. Market  
place  
Smith John Francis, esq  
Smith Opie, esq. Belmont house  
Sylvester Samuel, esq. Bower hill lodge  
Thomas Rev. Edward Thomas Watson,  
B.A. Grove cottage  
Webb Mrs. Hannah, King street  
Williams David, esq. Ark house  
Winterbourne Rev. W. Canonhold  
Woodman Mrs. Jane, Bank street

## COMMERCIAL.

Adams William, livery stables, Bank street  
Allwood Gideon, boot & shoe maker, Bath road  
Angel William, boot & shoe maker, & postmaster, Shaw  
Arthur Charles, painter & paperhanger, Bank street  
Austin Robert, *Fleece*, Folly lane  
Awdry Henry Goddard & Justly William, solicitors, com-  
missioners for taking acknowledgments of deeds by  
married women, & agent to the Sun fire & life assurance  
company, Market place  
Ball John, patten & clog ma. & general dealer, Lowbourne  
Bartlett John, cloth dresser, High street  
Barton Benjamin, baker & corn dealer, Market place  
Bates Hugh, miller & corn factor, Broughton road  
Bath Moses, draper, High street  
Beavan Christopher, farmer, Queenfield farm  
Beavan James, farmer, Bower hill  
Berry John Peter, plumber, glazier &c. Bank street  
Bigwood William, smith & shopkeeper, King street  
Blake Henry, plumber & glazier, King street  
Bodman Benjamin, farmer, Beanacre  
Boswell Mary (Miss), straw bonnet maker, King street  
Bradley William, teacher of music, Canonhold  
Brooks William, *New Crown*, & coal merchant  
Bruges Thomas, maltster  
Buckland Abraham, shoemaker, Canonhold  
Buckland Jemima (Miss), medical botanist, Canonhold  
Buckland John, saddle & harness maker, Bank street  
Buckland Richard, *Old Crown*, Market place  
Buckland Stephen, farmer, Beanacre  
Bulgin Richard, carpenter & builder, Lowbourne cottage  
Bullock Araminta (Miss), jeweller & silversmith, & post-  
mistress, Market place  
Burgess Henry, confectioner &c. Lowbourne  
Butler Jane (Mrs.), farmer, Beanacre  
Canning Thomas, brewer, Shaw brewery  
Carpenter William, carpenter, Semington lane  
Cochrane John, printer, bookseller, stationer &c. Bank st  
Collett William, butcher, City  
Coombe Joseph, tinsplate worker &c. Market place  
Colbourne Henry, bacon & cheese factor, High street  
Colbourne Henry, plasterer & slater, Union street  
Colbourne Nelson, plasterer & slater, Union street  
Cottle James, farmer, Forest farm  
Cottle William, farmer, Semington lane  
Cox Alfred, *Unicorn*, Bath road  
Crook Thomas Redman, saddler & harnessmaker, Market pl  
Crook William, farmer, Beanacre  
Curnick John, farmer, Shurnhold  
Curnick Thomas, farmer, Beanacre  
Dancey Thomas, farmer, Westland farm  
Davis Abraham, boot & shoe maker, Bath buildings

Davis Thomas, commission agent, Shortwood  
De Lanois M. professor of french, Shaw house  
Dore Robert, *George*, Bank street  
Eskins Elizabeth (Mrs.), baker, Canonhold  
Field John, shopkeeper, Bath road  
Flay John Sturges, china, glass & earthenware dlr. Market pl  
Flower John, farmer, New town  
Flower Mary (Miss), seminary, Church street  
Fox Elizabeth (Miss), farmer, Forest  
Frankling John, shopkeeper, King street  
Freeman Ellen (Miss), china & earthenware dealer, High st  
Fry John, farmer, Queenfield  
Gaby William, farmer, West brook  
Gale William, farmer, Whitby  
Gerrish Isaac, tailor, Canonhold  
Ghey Henry, farmer, Bowerhill  
Gilchrist Alfred, boarding & day school, Spa villa  
Gore Arthur, actuary to the savings' bank, Bank street  
Gregory John, farmer, Hack farm  
Gunston John, stonemason, Union street  
Haines Charles, baker, Church street  
Haines Edmund, plumber, glazier &c. Union street  
Haines George, butcher, Bath buildings  
Haines Mary (Mrs.), saddle & harness maker, Market pl  
Hand Sidney, farmer, Folly lane  
Harris Alfred, butcher, High street  
Harris Henry, farmer, Bower hill  
Harris Jeremiah, farmer, Stratton's farm  
Harris Joseph, plumber & glazier &c. Canonhold  
Harris Thomas, butcher, Church street  
Haskins Elizabeth (Mrs.), baker, Canonhold  
Hawkins William, farmer, Ludlow's farm  
Hayward & Flocks, grocers & drapers, & spirit merchants  
Hinder Samuel, auctioneer & appraiser, Market place  
Honywill Ann (Miss), day school, King street  
Hooper Henry, farmer, Shaw  
Hughes Elizabeth (Mrs.), shopkeeper, Broughton road  
Hunt Henry (Mrs.), farmer, Rhotteridge  
Hunt John, tailor & draper, High street  
Hutton Thomas, general dealer, King street  
James John, farmer, Forest  
Jarris Charles, shoemaker, Lowbourne  
Jarvis John, shopkeeper, King street  
Jefferys Thomas, corn merchant & miller, Mills, nr. the Bridge  
Jennings John, linen & woollen draper, Bath road  
Jones Job, shopkeeper, Bath road  
Jones Joseph, draper, King street  
Jones William, shopkeeper, King street  
Jordan John, blacksmith, City  
Keen George, shopkeeper, Broughton road  
Keen John, shuttle maker, Shurnhold  
Kenrick George Camner, surgeon, the Grove

King Jasper Rumbull, surgeon, Lowbourn  
 Knapp James, carpenter, Bath road  
 Knee & Hurn, wheelwrights, Avon bridge  
 Knee John, boot & shoe maker, Church street  
 Knott John, farmer, Woodrow farm  
 Laine Robert, chemist & druggist, Market place  
 Lewington John, shopkeeper, King street  
 Lewington William, tailor, High street  
 Little Abraham, teadealer & shoemaker, Broughton road  
 Little James, maltster & farmer, Shaw  
 Maggs Joseph Herbert, manufacturer of flat & round rope, twine, sacking, cocoon fibre matting, marquees, tents, waterproof covers &c. & coal merchant, Devizes road  
 Manning Robert, farmer, Woodrow  
 Mansfield Henry, corn dealer, & agent to County fire & Provident life offices, Bank street  
 Marchant John, shopkeeper, City  
 Marks Thomas, working cutler, Church street  
 Marks Thomas, baker, City  
 Martin George, beer retailer, Beanacre  
 Matthews John, tailor, Union street  
 May Isaiah, seedsman, Market place  
 Meech Francis Weston, solicitor, Canon square  
 Merrett Charles, inspector of police, Market place  
 Mitchell Richard, shopkeeper, City  
 Moon William Harding, grocer & draper, High street  
 Moule & Gore, solicitors, & clerks to commissioners of Melksham turnpike trust, Bank street  
 Moule Charles Thomas, solicitor, clerk to commissioners of paving & lighting, clerk to the county courts, to the assessed & land tax commissioners, to the Holt turnpike trust, & agent to Alliance fire & life insurance co. Bank st  
 Mundy Walter, chemist & druggist, & agent to the Standard fire & life assurance company, Bank street  
 Neal Charles, chimney sweeper, King street  
 Neat George, master of the British school, Lowbourn  
 Newman James, jun. butcher, Bank street  
 Newman Thomas, farmer, Cray's marsh  
 Newton Henry, cabinet maker, Coburg square  
 Nichols Henry, farmer, Shaw  
*North Wilts Banking Co.* (Thomas Palmer, manager), Bank street  
 Oatley John, smith & farrier, King street  
 Palmer Thomas, manager to the North Wilts Banking co. Bank street  
 Phelps Philip, land agent, clerk to the magistrates, to the commissioners of property tax, to board of guardians, & to deputy lieutenants of the sub-division of Melksham & Tinhead, & superintendent registrar of births, deaths & marriages for Melksham union, Market place  
 Phillips Edward Weston, wholesale teadealer, Bath road  
 Pickett Ellen, straw hat maker, Spa road  
 Pickett Samuel, brush manufacturer, Spa road  
 Plimmer George, surgeon, Canon square  
 Pocock James, farmer, Beanacre  
 Pocock Lucy (Mrs.), farmer, Whitley  
 Pocock William, poulterer, Whitley  
 Poulson James, *Bell*

POST OFFICE.—Miss Araminta Bullock, postmistress, Market place. Letters arrive by mail cart from Chippenham at 4.30, 8.30 a.m. & 12.35 p.m., & dispatched at 9.45 p.m. Box closes at 9.15 p.m., but letters can be posted till 9.40 by affixing an extra stamp. Money orders are granted & paid at this office from 9 till 6 daily, Sunday excepted

**BANKERS:—**

*North Wilts Banking Company*, Head office, Bank street (Thomas Palmer, esq. general manager); draw on Dimsdale & Co. London; hours of business, 10 till 3  
*Savings Bank*, Lowbourn (Arthur Gore, esq. actuary); open on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays in the month from 3 to 4

**INSURANCE AGENTS:—**

*Alliance Fire & Life*, Charles Thomas Moule, Bank street  
*Argus*, George Plimmer  
*Britannia Life*, Thomas H. Flocks, Market place  
*British Empire Mutual*, Henry Burgess, Market place  
*County Fire & Provident Life*, Henry Mansfield, Bank st  
*Edinburgh Life*, Alexander B. Smith, Market place  
*Emperor*, George Collins  
*Equitable Fire*, Mr. Eyres  
*General Life & Fire*, Wm. Porter, Bank stree  
*Globe*, James Rawlings, Shurnhold  
*Imperial Fire*, A. B. Smith  
*Law Union Fire & Life*, Alexander B. Smith, Market place, & A. Beaven  
*Liverpool & London*, Mrs. Elizabeth Weight, Lowbourn; John Peter Berry, Bank st. & Samuel Hinder, Market place  
*London Assurance Fire & Life*, Robert Laine, Market pl

Porter William, wine & spirit & provision merchant, grocer manufacturer of british wines, & insurance agent, Bank st  
 Pritchard George, farmer, Semington lane  
 Pritchard Sarah (Mrs.), farmer, Sandridge  
 Pulling George, hairdresser, Market place  
 Rawlings James, solicitor, Shurnhold  
 Redman John, grocer & teadealer, Bank street  
 Reynolds William & Stephen, carriers & leather cutters, King street, & at Devizes  
 Ricketts Thomas, beer retailer & baker, City  
 Rixon Peter, turner, Semington lane  
 Rowland & Andrews, engineers, millwrights, iron & brass founders, ironmongers & agricultural implement manufacturers, Bank street  
 Salter Susan (Mrs.), sextoness to the church, Church street  
 Saxty Albert, hairdresser, Church street  
 Selman William, tailor, Canon square  
 Shaul Benjamin, confectioner & baker, Market place  
 Shepherd Joseph, shopkeeper, King street  
 Simpson Robert, ironmonger, High street  
 Smith Alexander Blucher, solicitor, commissioner in chancery & all the law courts, agent to the Edinburgh life, Imperial fire & life, & Law union fire & life assurance companies, Market place  
 Smith Frederick, clothier & draper, Bank street  
 Smith Henry, furniture broker, Broughton road  
 Smith John Francis & Co. woollen manufacturers  
 Smith Richard, boarding school, Shaw house  
 Spackman Roger, farmer  
 Steward Henry, *King's Arms commercial & posting house*  
 Stokes Singer, parish clerk & relieving officer, Bank street  
 Stow Charlotte (Mrs.), grocer & bacon factor, Bath road  
 Stratton James, grocer & teadealer, High street  
 Sumner George, boot & shoe maker, Church street  
 Sumner Thomas, boot & shoe maker, Bank street  
 Taylor James, farmer & bailiff of the hundred & manor of Melksham, Out Marsh farm  
 Taylor Sarah (Miss), farmer  
 Taylor Thomas, carrier, Canon square  
 Theobald John, coal & timber merchant, Semington row  
 Thomas John, farmer, Semington lane  
 Till William, shopkeeper, Market place  
 Townsend Henry, stonemason, Bath road  
 Townsend William, *White Hart*, King street  
 Usher James, coachbuilder, Spa road  
 Watson Jane (Mrs.), baker, Market place  
 Webb Dennis, beer retailer, Semington row  
 Webb Timothy, farmer, Sandridge  
 Webb William, carpenter, King street  
 Weight Elizabeth (Mrs.), printer, bookbinder & paperhanger, Lowbourn  
 Wheeler William, *Royal Oak*, Market place  
 Wheeler John A. *Bear*, Bank street  
 White William, farmer & maltster, Whitley  
 Whittaker William, teacher of music, Forest  
 Wilshire Abraham, plaisterer, King street  
 Wilts Thomas, shopkeeper & beer retailer, City  
 Young Jane (Mrs.), baker & shopkeeper, High street

*Medical, Invalid & General Life*, William Simpson  
*Manchester Fire & Life*, Joseph H. Maggs, Market place  
*National Provident Institution*, Thomas Palmer  
*Phoenix*, W. Eyres, Market place  
*Provident Life*, Henry Mansfield, Bank street  
*Railway Passengers*, A. B. Smith  
*Royal*, W. H. Moon, High street  
*Royal Farmers*, William Mundy, Bank street  
*Royal Insurance*, William H. Moon  
*Standard Fire & Life*, Walter Mundy, High street  
*Star Fire & Life*, Joseph H. Maggs  
*State*, John Peter Berry, Bank street  
*Sun Fire & Life*, Henry Goddard Awdry, Market place  
*West of England Fire & Life*, John Cochrane, Bank st

**PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS:—**

*County Court*, Camille Felix Desiré Caillard, esq. judge; George Edmund Wilcox, esq. high bailiff; Thomas Moule, esq. Bank street, registrar  
*Gasworks*, near the Bridge, Benjamin Shaul, manager  
*Mutual Improvement Society & Reading Rooms*, Bank street, John Webb, secretary  
*Reading Rooms*, Town-hall  
*Station House*, Market place, Charles Merrett, inspector  
*Town Hall & Cheese Market*, Market place

**PUBLIC OFFICERS:—**

*Clerk to Assessed & Land Tax Commissioners*, Charles Thomas Moule, Bank street  
*Clerk to Board of Guardians of Melksham Union*, Philip Phelps, Market street  
*Clerk to Commissioners of Holt Turnpike Trust*, Charles Thomas Moule, Bank street

*Actuary of Savings Bank*, Arthur Gore, esq. Bank street  
*Clerks to Commissioners of Melksham Turnpike Trust*,  
 Moule & Gore, Bank street  
*Clerk to Commissioners of Paving & Lighting*, Charles  
 Thomas Moule, Bank street  
*Clerk to Commissioners of Property Tax for Melksham  
 Division*, Philip Phelps, Market place  
*Registrar of County Court for Recovery of Debts*,  
 Charles Thomas Moule, Bank street  
*Clerk to Deputy Lieutenants of Sub-Division of Melk-  
 sham & Tinhead*, Philip Phelps, Market place  
*Clerk to Magistrates of Melksham Division*, Philip  
 Phelps, Market place  
*Clerk to the Market Company*, A. Gore, esq. Bank street  
*Commissioners for taking Affidavits in the Common Law  
 Courts*, Henry Goddard & Justly William Awdry, Market  
 place, & Alexander Blucher Smith, Market place  
*Commissioners for taking Acknowledgments of Married  
 Women*, Charles Thomas Moule, Bank street, & Henry  
 Goddard Awdry, Market place  
*Commissioner for taking Oaths in Chancery*, Arthur  
 Gore, esq. Bank street  
*Governor of Workhouse*, Edward Ingram, Semington  
*Registrar of Births & Deaths for Melksham District*,  
 George Plimmer, Canon square  
*Registrar of Marriages for Melksham District & Deputy  
 Registrar of Births & Deaths*, Frederick Smith, Bank st  
*Relieving Officer for Melksham District*, Singer Stokes,  
 Canonhold  
*Sub-Distributor of Stamps*, Frederick George Moule,  
 Bank street  
*Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths & Mar-  
 riages for the Melksham Union*, Philip Phelps,  
 Market place

**PLACES OF WORSHIP :—**  
*St. Michael's Church*, Church street, Rev. George Hume,  
 M.A. vicar; Rev. Edward T. W. Thomas, B.A. curate  
*Shaw Church*, Shaw, Rev. George Nutt, M.A. incumbent

**MERE** is 23 miles west-by-north from Salisbury, 102  
 west-south-west from London, 7 west of Hindon, 8 east-by-  
 north from Wincanton, 6 from Semley railway station, and  
 4 from Gillingham railway station, locally situated on the  
 borders of three counties—Wilts, Dorset, and Somerset,—  
 which unite in the vicinity. The parish contains 7,355  
 acres, and a population, in 1851, of 1,156, exclusive of the  
 tithings, and in the whole parish 2,991. Mere is a market-  
 town, on the high road from Salisbury to Taunton Dean, in  
 Somerset, in the diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, and  
 deanery of Wylve, Mere hundred and union, and Hindon  
 division. Flax spinning and silk throwing are carried on  
 here, and the town is lighted with gas. Mere constitutes a  
 part of the Duchy of Cornwall; in the year 1253 permission  
 was given to Richard, Earl of Cornwall, to build a castle on  
 the hill, now known as Castle Hill, and afterwards to fortify  
 it. Mere Park, near the town, in a south-west direction,  
 contains about 810 acres. The Ashfield water rises from a  
 chalk hill in the neighbourhood, and after several mills have  
 been turned by the stream, it passes on and joins the river  
 Stour. There is an ancient building standing in the centre  
 of the town, which now serves as a market house. The  
 market is on Tuesday, and annual fairs are held on the 17th  
 of May and the 10th of October. The living is a vicarage,  
 value £400 a year, with residence, in the gift of the Dean of

*Baptist Chapel*, Old Broughton road, Rev. Thomas  
 Fuller, minister  
*Baptist Chapel*, Union street, ministers various  
*Baptist Chapel*, Beanacre, ministers various  
*Baptist Chapel*, Forest, ministers various  
*Independent Chapel*, Devizes road, Rev. Leigh Mann,  
 minister  
*Friends' Meeting House*, King street  
*Wesleyan Chapel*, High street  
*Wesleyan Chapel*, Whitley, ministers various

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS :—**  
*National*, Churchyard, George Collins, master; Miss Susan  
 Kail, mistress  
*British*, Lowbourn, George Neat, master; Miss Harriett  
 Spencer, mistress

**POSTING HOUSES :—**  
*King's Arms hotel*, Henry Steward, Market place  
*Bear inn*, John A. Allwright Wheeler, Bank street

**OMNIBUS** to & from the 'King's Arms' to meet the arrival  
 & departure of the trains

**CARRIERS TO :—**  
**BATH, BRISTOL & DEVIZES**—Mizen, from the 'George,'  
 thursday  
**BRADFORD**—Mizen, thursday, returns same day, from the  
 'George'  
**CALNE**—Stephen Spackman, every mon. from the 'George'  
**CHIPPENHAM, BATH, BRISTOL & DEVIZES**—Stock-  
 ham, from the 'George,' thursday  
 & Stephen Mizen, every thursday, from the 'Bear,' & the  
 'George'  
**DEVIZES**—Thomas Taylor, from his own house, thursday;  
**LONDON** & all parts (by rail), Great Western Railway  
 company, station, Bath road  
**RAILWAY STATION**, Bath road, Benjamin Ames, station  
 master

**WATER CONVEYANCE** TO BATH & BRISTOL—Boats leave  
 the wharf, Devizes road, twice a week with goods, days  
 uncertain

Salisbury; the incumbent is the Rev. Thomas Blundell.  
 The church of St. Michael the Archangel is a stone build-  
 ing, in good condition; the length from east to west is 95  
 feet; the width from north to south, including the doorway,  
 60 feet. Under a Gothic niche over the porch, on the north  
 side, is the figure of a saint; it appears to be of an earlier  
 date than the church itself. The tower is at the west end of  
 the church, which seems to be the usual mode of building in  
 this part of Wiltshire; it is very stately and well built,  
 square in form, turreted, 35 yards high, surmounted at the  
 angles with four lofty pinnacles, and containing 6 bells.  
 The Prince of Wales is lord of the manor. Here are chapels  
 for the Primitive Methodists and the Independents, the  
 latter a large, new, handsome structure; also a National  
 school, and a school in connection with the Congregational  
 Board of Education. Here is a Literary Institute and Read-  
 ing Room, and in 1859 a Penny Bank was established. In  
 1856 a cemetery was opened. During the excavations  
 necessary in its formation, an earthen vessel was discovered,  
 containing 400 Roman coins of very ancient date.

**ZEALS GREEN** ecclesiastical district includes a popula-  
 tion of 604, and in the tithing 1,156. Chaddenwick is a  
 tithing with 19 inhabitants; Woodlands, a tithing with  
 1,212; Woolverton, Bush Hayes, Manor House, Barrow  
 Street, Burton, are adjacent places.

**PRIVATE RESIDENTS.**

Blundell Rev. Thomas [vicar]  
 Chitty Aynott, esq  
 Coleman Mr. Thomas  
 Curtis Mr. John  
 Erlebach Rev. Edward [Independent]  
 Faugoin Miss Ann, Woolverton  
 Ford Mr. John  
 Godwin Mr. William  
 Grove Mrs. Zeals house  
 Howell Mrs. Mary, Woolverton  
 Jupe Miss  
 Jupe Mr. Henry  
 Mathews Mrs. Mary  
 Mills William, esq  
 Phillips Mr. Henry  
 Rumsey Charles, esq  
 Rutter John Farley, esq  
 Short Mr. Thomas  
 Snook Mr. Walter  
 Tanner Mrs. Eliza  
 Wickham Mrs

**COMMERCIAL.**

Ailes George, farmer, Bush Hayes  
 Alford John, smith  
 Baker Thomas, farmer, Mere Down farm

Baverstock Edward, tailor  
 Baverstock James, tailor  
 Baverstock Michael, tailor & draper  
 Bracher Edwin, chemist, printer &  
 bookseller  
 Burbidge Charles, shopkeeper  
 Card Charles, linen & woollen draper,  
 hatter, grocer, chemist, agent to the  
 Norwich Union fire & life assurance co  
 Card Edwin Austin, manager to the  
 Mere branch of the Wilts & Dorset  
 banking company  
 Carey Thomas, *Angel inn*  
 Chitty Aynott, surgeon  
 Coleman Thomas, jun. farmer  
 Coward Charles, shopkeeper  
 Coward James, carpenter & builder  
 Coward James, carrier  
 Coward Thomas, wheelwright, land sur-  
 veyor & agent  
 Coward William, parish clerk  
 Cross Hugh, farmer  
 Cross James, carpenter & sexton  
 Curtis Caleb, farmer  
 Doddington Edmund, mason  
 Dore Thomas & Co. carriers

Dowding John, carrier  
 Dowding Robert, farmer, dairyman &  
 maltster  
 Down James, blacksmith  
 Down James, shoemaker  
 Down William, jun. shoemaker  
 Down Wm. sen. *Ship inn*, & shoemaker  
 Dunkerton James, butcher  
 Foot Frederick, baker & shopkeeper  
 Ford Henry, shopkeeper  
 Ford Martha (Mrs.), shopkeeper  
 Gatehouse William, higler  
 Glover Alfred, tailor  
 Glover John, hairdressr. plumb. & paintr  
 Goldsborough Robert, agent to the Home  
 Counties & General life office  
 Gray John, patten maker  
 Harding John, farmer  
 Henwood Eli, leather dresser, fellmonger  
 & glover  
 Herrington Thomas, farmer, Barrow st  
 Humby Jane (Mrs.), mistress of union  
 workhouse  
 Humby John, master of union workhou  
 Jupe Charles & Son, silk throwsters  
 Jupe Giles, farmer, Woodland farm