Cull William, repaired and restored, and a National school built at the
committee of Ayton James, farmer landowner
plain structure, with chapelry, annexed, with others, to the vicarage of High-
MARTIN: with residence, in the gift of
near the Wilts and Berks canal and Great
east of Trowbridge, in the parish of
Litten Henry, beer retailer
Edwards Daniell Rev. George
Bourton John, farmer
Fisher Thomas, blacksmith
Amey John, shopkeeper
Friend Sweetapple, farmer & landowner
Martin Charles & Malachi, farmers

MELKSHAM, a township, market and union town, railway station, and parish in the hundred of the same name, 100 miles west-southwest from London, 39 miles west from Salisbury, 6 miles north-east of Bradford, 53 miles northeast of Trowbridge, 7 miles of Devizes, 10 from Wiltshire, 14 from Warminster, 104 from Frome, 15 east from Bath, 70 south from Chippenham, and 5 miles south-east from Corsham in the Wilts, Somerset, and Weymouth railway, distinguished in England for its grandeur of scenery and the extent of its
Potteries, contained, in 1831, 2,921 inhabitants in the town, and
southeast in the parish, including 1,063 in defend, and 12,572 acres of
land is 127, 88, 101. and to the vicar £200. During the West
Saxon era this was place of considerable note; at the period of the Norman survey, and for several subsequent
regius, 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
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
dilute, were discovered in the vicinity some years ago; and in 1816 a new saline spa was obtained by boring to a
depth of 1,513 feet. It was anticipated that Melksham
would advance into note in consequence of the medicinal
qualities these waters possessed, and every accommodation
possessed by a place of such great change and decay, and
cold baths, a handsome crescent, and an agreeable promenade; but after a very great outlay, the wells did not prove
attractive to visitors. Some of the
manufactures comprise superfine broadcloths, flat and
round ropes, haircloth, cocoa fibre and sack; and there is a considerable business in malmsey. Petty sessions are held by the justices of the peace 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
cheese market were erected in 1847 by a company of shareholders, and to this 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, supported on handsome balustrades. There are one of the largest corn-mills in the country, an extensive cloth factory and dye-houses. The Wilts and Berks canal passes on the east of the town, and about 1½ mile southwest 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, &c. An annual fair for cattle, sheep, horses, &c., is held in the Market-place on the third Saturday in July, during which there is a vicerage, with the chapel-schools of Kings and Earl Stoke annexed, value £1,205 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 tower surmounted by pinnacles, and was considerably improved and enlarged in 1846, at an expense of £2,000. The district chapel of Whitley and Shaw is attached, of which the Rev. George Nutter 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.

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Alfred Davis, Jnr., mercantile agent, Market pl.
Bliss Mrs. Caroline, Colbourne place.
Crook Mrs. Ann, King street.
Evan Mr. Hugh Pickett, Bath road.
Estes Vugly, esq. & co. factor.
Fisher Mrs. Robert, Avon villa.
Fowler Miss Rachel, Bath street.
Fletcher Mrs. J. Lowbourne.
Fuller Rev. Thomas, Union street.
Gaby William, esq. West brook.
Godfrey Mrs. T. M., cottage.
Heathcote Mrs. Thomas, Shaw hill.
Hedges Rev. George, M.A. [vicar,.
Cottingham.
Husband Mrs. Whitby.
Jeffreys Samuel, esq. Colbourne place.
Jeffreys Mrs. Mary, Bath road.
Jeffreys Thomas, esq. next the Bridge.
King Jasper Rumboll, esq. Lowbourne.
Lopes Ralph Pudlow, esq. Sandridge pk.
Mann Rev. Leigh, Union street.
Meech Capt. Thomas, Colbourne place.
Merewether Henry Alfred, esq. Bowden.
Miles Misses, Canonhold.
Moule Charles Thomas, esq. 1 Spa.
Nutt Rev. George, M.A. Shaw.
Orchard Mr. Thomas, Lowbourne.
Plumer esq. Market place.
Phillips Mrs. Edward, Avon house.
Phillips Mrs. James.
W. Davis, Thomas, commission agent, Shortwood.
De Lannoy M. professor of french, Shaw house.
Dore Robert, George, Bath street.
Ekins Elizabeth (Mrs.), baker, Canonhold.
Field John, shopkeeper, Bath road.
Flower John, farmer, New town.
Flower Mary (Miss), seminary, Church street.
Fox Elizabeth (Miss), farmer, Forest.
Frankling John, esq. & keeper, King street.
Freeman Ellen (Miss), china & earthenware dealer, High st.
Fry John, farmer, Queenfield.
Gaby William, farmer, West brook.
Gale William, farmer, Whitby.
Gerish Isaac, tailor, Canonhold.
Giley Henry, farmer, Bowerhill.
Gilchrist Alfred, farmer, & day school, Spa villa.
Gore Arthur, actuary to the savings' bank, Bath street.
Gregory John, farmer, Hack farm.
Gunston John, shoe & boot, Union street.
Haines Charles, baker, Church street.
Haines Edmund, plumber, glazier & Union street.
Haines George, butcher, Bath buildings.
Haines Mrs. John, saddler & harness maker, Market pl.
Hand Sidney, farmer, Folly lane.
Harris Alfred, butcher, High street.
Harris Henry, farmer, Howel 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 & Flours, grocers & drapers, & spirit merchants.
Hinder Samuel, auctioneer & appraiser, Market place.
Honey will Ann (Miss), day school, King street.
Hooper Henry, farmer, Shaw.
Hughes Elizabeth, esq. & keeper, Broughton road.
Hunt Henry (Mrs.), farmer, Rotheridge.
Hunt John, tailor & draper, High street.
Hutton Thomas, general dealer, King street.
James John, farmer, Forest.
Jarris Charles, shoemaker, Lowbourne.
Jarris John, shopkeeper, King street.
Jeffreys Thomas, corn merchant & miller, Mills, nr. the Bridge.
Jennings John, linen & woollen clad, Bath road.
Jones Bob, shopkeeper, Bath road.
Jones Joseph, draper, King street.
Jones William, shopkeeper, King street.
Jordan John, blacksmith, City.
Koen George, farmer, Broughton road.
Keen John, slater, merchant, Shurnhold.
Kenrick George Canmer, surgeon, the Grove.

COMMERCIAL.

Adams William, livery stables, Bank street.
Allwood George, boot & shoe maker, Bath road.
Ames William, boot & shoe maker, & postmaster, Bath road.
Arthur Charles, painter & paperhanger, Bath street.
Austin Robert, Fleece, folly lane.
Aylott Henry Goddard, &c. solicitors, commissioners for taking acknowledgments of deeds by married women, & agent to the Sun fire & life assurance company, Market pl.
Ball John, patten, cog ma. & general dealer, Lowbourne.
Bartlett John, cloth dresser, High street.
Barton Benjamin, baker & corn dealer, Market place.
Bath George, mason, &c. Broughton road.
Bath Moses, draper, High street.
Beavan Christopher, farmer, Queenfield.
Bennett William, draper, north hill.
Bennett John Peter, plumber, glazier &c. Bank street.
Bignall William, smith & shopkeeper, King street.
Bower John Henry, plumber & shell. M. King street.
Bodman Benjamin, farmer, Beaunee.
Boswell Mary (Miss), straw bonnet maker, King street.
Bradley William, teacher of music, Canonhold.
Brocks William, New Crown, & coal merchant.
Bruges Thomas, maltster.
Backland Abraham, shoemaker, Canonhold.
Backland Jeanna (Miss), medical botanist, Canonhold.
Backland John, saddle & harness maker, Bank street.
Backland Stephen, farmer, Canonhold.
Bulgin Richard, carpenter & builder, Lowbourne cottage.
Bullock Araminta (Miss), jeweller & silversmith, & postmistress, Market place.
Bennett Henry, confectioner &c. Lowbourne.
Butler Jane (Mrs.), farmer, Beaunee.
Canning Thomas, brewer, Shaw brewery.
Carpenter William, carpenter, Broughton lane.
Cochrane John, printer, bookseller, stationer &c. Bank st.
Collett William, butcher, City.
Colbourne Henry, bacon & cheese factor, High street.
Colbourne Henry, plasterer &c. Market place.
Colbourne Nelson, plasterer &c. Union street.
Cottard James, farmer.
Cottle William, farmer, Semington lane.
Cox Alfred, Unicon, Bath road.
Crook Thomas, retail & the vicerage & harness maker, Market pl.
Crook William, farmer, Beaunee.
Curnick John, farmer, Shurnhold.
Curnick Thomas, farmer, Beaunee.
Dancey Thomas, farmer, Westland farm.
Davies Abraham, boot & shoe maker, Bath buildings.

POST OFFICE

Hannah (Mrs.), farmer, Strawbridge.
Hodges William, draper, King street.
Hodge Sydney, farmer, Folly lane.
Hollingsworth, farmer, High street.
Hollingworth, farmer, Bowerhill.
Holmes Henry, farmer, Stratton's farm.
Holmes Thomas, butcher, Church street.
Huffkins Elizabeth (Mrs.), baker, Canonhold.
Humphries William, farmer, Ludlow's farm.
Hunt Henry (Mrs.), farmer, Stratton's farm.
Hunt John, tailor & draper, High street.
Huntley Thomas, general dealer, King street.
James John, farmer, Forest.
Jarris Charles, shoemaker, Lowbourne.
Jarris John, shopkeeper, King street.
Jeffreys Thomas, corn merchant & miller, Mills, nr. the Bridge.
Jennings John, linen & woollen clad, Bath road.
Jones Bob, shopkeeper, Bath road.
Jones Joseph, draper, King street.
Jones William, shopkeeper, King street.
Jordan John, blacksmith, City.
Koen George, farmer, Broughton road.
Keen John, slater, merchant, Shurnhold.
Kenrick George Canner, surgeon, the Grove.
DIRECTORY.

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King Jasper Rumboll, surgeon, Lowbourne
Knapp James, carpenter, Bath road
Knezz & Hurns, wheelwrights, Avon bridge
Knezz John, boot & shoe maker, Church street
Knott John, farmer, Woodrow farm
Laidbad Robert, chemist & druggist, Market place
Levington John, shopkeeper, King street
Levington William, tailor, High street
Little Abraham, tenter, Broughton road
Little James, maltster & farmer, Shaw
Mages Joseph Herbert, manufacturer of flat & round rope, towing, cordage, masts, ten-tents, waterproof covers & coal merchant, Devizes road
Manning Robert, farmer, Woodrow
Mansfield Henry, corn dealer, & agent to County fire & Provident life offices, Bath street
Marchant John, shopkeeper, City
Marks Thomas, working culter, Church street
Marks Thomas, baker, City
Martin George, beer retailer, Beaumare
Matthews John, tailor, Union street
May Isaiah, seedsmen, 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
Moore & 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, to the agent to the County fire & Provident life office, Bath street
Mundy Walter, chemist & druggist, & agent to the Standard fire & life assurance company, Bank street
New Charles, corn dealer, King street
Neat George, master of the British school, Lowbourne
Newman James, jun. butcher, Bank street
Newman Thomas, farmer, Gray's marth
Newton Henry, cabinet maker, Coburg square
Nichols Henry, farmer, Shaw
Norme 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
Phillips 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 tallow dealer, Bath road
Pickett Ellen, straw hat maker, Spa road
Pickett Samuel, brush manufacturer, Spa road
Plimmer George, surgeon, Canon square
Pocock James, farmer, Beaumare
Pocock Lucy (Mrs.), farmer, Whitley
Pound John, turner, Whitley
Poulson James, Bell

POST OFFICE.—Miss Araminta Bullock, postmistress; Market place. Letters arrive by mail from Chippingham 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 8.40 by affixing an extra stamp. Money orders are granted & paid at this office from 9 till 6 daily, Sunday excepted

BANKING.

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

INSURANCE AGENTS.

Alliance Fire & Life, Charles Thomas Moul, Bank street
Argus, George Pleunier
Britannia Life, Thomas II. Fluck, Market place
Brighthelm, Harry Burgess, Market place
County Fire & Provident Life, Henry Mansfield, Bank st
Edinburgh Life, Alexander B. Smith, Market place
Glocestor, George Henry, Market place
Equitable Fire, Mr. Eyres
General Life & Fire, Wm. Porter, Bank street
Glade, James Rawlins, Sharnbrook
Imperial Fire, A. B. Smith
Law Union Fire & Life, Alexander B. Smith, Market place
London & North Western
Liverpool & London, Mrs. Elizabeth Weight, Lowbourne
John Peter Berry, Bank st. & Samuel Hinder, Market place
London Assurance Fire & Life, Robert Laine, Market place

Porter William, wine & spirit & provision merchant, grocer manufacturer of British wines, & insurance agent, Bank st
Pritchard George, & W. Simpson, Semington lane
Pritchard Sarah (Mrs.), farmer, Sandridge
Pulling George, hairdresser, Market place
Rawlings James, jun. & William, pauper, Church street
Redman John, grocer & teadaler, Bank street
Reynolds William & Steptain, curriers & 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
Suter Susan (Mrs.), sextoness to the church, Church street
Saxby Albert, hairdresser, Church street
Selman William, tailor, Canon square
Shaun Benjamin, confectioner & baker, Market place
Shepherd Joseph, shopkeeper, King street
Simpson Robert, ironmonger, High street
Smith Alexander, 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. woolen manufacturers, Bank street
Smith Richard, boarding school, Shaws school
Spencer Roger, farmer
Steward Henry, King's Arms commercial & posting house
Stokes Singer, parish clerk & relieving officer, Bank street
Stow Charlotte (Mrs.), grocer & life assurance agent, Bath road
Stratton James, grocer & teadaler, High street
Sumner George, boot & shoe maker, Church street
Sumner Thomas, builder & shopkeeper, Bank street
Taylor James, farmer & bailiff of the hundred & manor of Melksham, Out Marsh farm
Taylor Sarah (Mrs.), 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 John, 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, Lowbourne
Wheale William, Royal Oak, Market place
Wheeler John A. Bear, Bank street
White William, farmer, & maltster, Whitley
Whittaker William, teacher of music, Forest
Willsihere Abraham, plasterer, King street
Wilts Thomas, shopkeeper & beer retailer, Market street
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. W. Moon, High street
Royal Farmers, William Henry, Bank street
Royal Insurance, William H. Moon
Standard Fire & Life, Walter Mundy, High street
Star Fire & Life, Joseph II. Maggs
State, John Peter Berry, Bank street
Sun Fire & Life, Henry Goddard Awdry, Market place
West of England Fire & Life, John Cochrane, Bank at

PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS:—

County Court, Camille Felix Carlier, esq. judge; Cheltenham, George Edmund Wilcox, esq. high bailiff, Thomas Moule, esq. justice, Bank street
Gasworks, near the bridge, Benjamin Shaul, manager
Mutual Improvement Society & Reading Rooms, Bank street, John Wills, secretary
Reading Rooms, Town-hall
Station House, Market place, Charles Merrett, inspector, Town Hall & College Market, Market place

PUBLIC OFFICERS:—

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

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Wesleyan Chapel, Boats leave the deanery, 4 tithings, west-south-west from London, 7 west of Hindon, 8 east by the church of MERE. Here, and the town is lighted with gas. Mere constitutes a place for the Primitive Methodists and the Independents, the acres, division. Flax spinning and silk throwing are carried on.


POST OFFICE

Baptist Chapel, Old Broughton road. Rev. Thomas Fuller, minister.
Baptist Chapel, Union street, ministers various
Baptist Chapel, Beacons, ministers various
Baptist Chapel, ministers various
Independent Chapel, Devizes road, Rev. Leigh Mann, minister
Friends Meeting House, King street
Westney Chapel, High street
Wesleyan Chapel, Whitley, ministers various
PUBLIC SCHOOLS:
National, Churchyard, George Collins, master; Miss Susan Kail, mistress
British, Lowbourne, George Nate, master; Miss Harriett Spencer, mistress
POSTING HOUSES:
King's Arms hotel, Henry Steward, Market place
Bear inn, John A. Allwright Wheeler, Bank street
OXBURH & 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 Speackman, every mon. from the George
CHIPPENHAM, BATH, BRISTOL & DEVIZES—Stockham, 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 CONVEYANCES TO BATH & BRISTOL—Boats leave the wharf, Devizes road, twice a week with goods, days uncertain

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.
Blundell Rev. Thomas [vicar]
Chitty Arnett, esq.
Coleman Mr. Thomas
Curtis Mr. John
Erlebach Rev. Edward [Independent]
Familton Miss Ann, Woolerton Ford Mr. John
Godwin Mr. William
Grove Mrs. Zeals house
Howell Mrs. Mary, Woolerton
Jupe Miss
Jupe Mr. Henry
McCabe Mrs. Mary
Mills William, esq.
Phillips Mr. Henry
Ramsey Joy Chaplin
Rutter John Farley, esq.
Short Mr. Thomas
Sosnowy Mr. Walter
Toulier Mr. William
Wickham Mrs

COMMERCIAL.
Alles George, miller
Bush Hayes
Aldo John, smith
Baker Thomas, farmer, Mere Down farm

SALISBURY is 23 miles west-north from Salisbury, 102 west-north from Oxford, 8, east-south-east from London, 7 west of Hindon, 8 east by the church of MERE. Here, and the town is lighted with gas. Mere constitutes a place for the Primitive Methodists and the Independents, the acres, 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 1633 permission was given by 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 a tithing with a cemetery. 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, which forms the boundary of the county, and the county 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 Salisbury; the incumbent is the Rev. Thomas Blundell.

The church of St. Michael the Archangel is a stone building, in good condition; the length from east to west is 95 feet; the width from north to south, including the doorway, 50 feet. Under a Gable roof, 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 Reading 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.

ZENALS Grant, the official number, is 460, and the tithe 1,156. Chaddlewick is a tithe with 19 inhabitants; Woodlands, a tithe with 2,12; Woolverton, Bush Hayes, Manor House, Barrow Street, Burton, are adjacent places.