

**CARRIERS—Continued.**

To HUNGERFORD STATION, Alfred May, from his office, Marsh daily; Geo. Mortimore, from his house, High st. every other day, and Geo. Pound, from the Crown & Anchor & George Bushell, from the Bear & Castle, on Saturday

To LAMBOURNE, — Jones, from the Angel

To NEWBURY, John Clinch, from the King's Arms.

To RAMSBURY, Thos. Pound, from the Bear & Castle

To SWINDON, William Hiscock and — Acker, from the Bell and Shoulder of Mutton

To SWINDON STATION, thence by rail to all parts of the Kingdom, Alfred May, from his office, the Marsh, daily, and George Mortimore, from his house, High st., Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

To WANBOROUGH, Charles Parsons and Jesse Whiteman, from the Bell and Shoulder of Mutton

To WILTON, John Cumner, from Crown & Anchor, and — Davis, from the Bear & Castle.

To WOODBOROUGH, Wm. Broomham, from the Royal Oak, High st

To WOOTTON BASSETT, — Packer & — Tuck, from the Bell & Shoulder of Mutton.

To WROUGHTON, William Hinder, from the Royal Oak, High st. and — Russell, from the Bell and Shoulder of Mutton

**MELKSHAM,**

WITH THE CHAPELRY OF SEMINGTON AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.

**MELKSHAM** is a parish, in the hundred of its name—the market town, one of considerable antiquity, is 96 miles w. by s. from London, 30 n.w. from Salisbury, 12 E. from Bath, between 6 and 7 s. from Chippenham, and 5 s. s. E. from Corsham; situated on the line of Wilts, Somerset, and Weymouth Railway, on the main road between Bath and the Metropolis, and on the banks of the 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 town altogether exhibits the aspect of comfort and prosperity. During the Saxon era this was a place of some importance; and at the period of the Norman survey, and for several subsequent reigns, 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 *milch*, 'milk,' and *ham*, 'a dwelling,' and was formerly spelt *Mildnsham* and *Milsham*. The lower part of the town is denominated 'the city,' a presumptive proof of its ancient superiority; and this is farther confirmed by the *tailage* it paid in 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 £3,350. They form a spacious and well-arranged edifice, in the Italian style of architecture, decidedly ornamental to the town. The town hall contains a spacious apartment, in which 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, which is well supplied with the leading journals, both metropolitan and provincial. Walter Long, Esq. 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 sackings. The Wilts and Berks canal passes to the east of the town,

and about a mile and a half from it, to the south, unites with the Kennet and Avon canal.

The parish church of Saint Michael is a large and spacious cruciform edifice, built of free-stone, with a handsome embattled tower rising from the transept: the living is a vicarage, in the patronage of the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury Cathedral; the present vicar is the Rev. George Home. The Baptists, Independents, Wesleyan Methodists, and the Society of Friends have places of worship here; and there are schools upon the British and national plans, and for infants. The Melksham Union comprises six parishes: the poor-house is a substantial stone building, pleasantly situated near the pretty village of Semington. The scenery, within the circuit of a few miles round Melksham, is very charming, and the walks on the banks of the Avon remarkably agreeable. Two mineral springs one saline, the other chalybeate, were discovered in the vicinity some years ago, and in 1816 a new saline spa was obtained by boring. From this period it was anticipated that Melksham would advance into note as a watering place, and every accommodation for visitors was provided, including a pump-room, a handsome crescent, an agreeable promenade, a reading-room, and a library; but, with all these inducements, success was not commanded, and a very considerable outlay has been made without a return. The weekly market is held on Tuesday, for butter, poultry, and the usual articles of domestic consumption. On the first Tuesday in every month there is a cheese market; on the first and third Wednesdays monthly are markets for horses and cattle; and an annual fair for animals of the latter kind is held on the 27th of July. The parish of Melksham (including the chapelry of SEEND) contained in 1831, 5,866 inhabitants, and in 1841, 6,236.

SEMINGTON is a chapelry and village, in the parish of Steeple-Ashton, situated on the road between Melksham and Trowbridge, about three miles from either place. There is a place of worship for Wesleyan Methodists, and near it is the workhouse for the Melksham Union, before mentioned. The population of the chapelry is about 500.

**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.

**GENTRY AND CLERGY.**

Crook Mrs. Ann, King st  
Daniels Rev. Charles, Broughton la.  
Evans Mrs. Elizabeth, City  
Fry Mr. Thomas, Market place  
Hare Mr. Henry Bassano, Spa  
Heathcote Rev. Thos. Shaw hill House  
Hume Rev. Geo. Vicarage, Melksham  
Jackson Rev. William, Spa  
Jeffereys Mrs. Mary Ann, Lowbourne  
Miles Miss Elizabeth, Canhold  
Miles Mrs. Susanna, Market place  
Miller Mrs. Harriet, Semington  
Moule Miss Marian, Spa  
Newton Rev. Hibbert, Cobourg pl.  
Nutt Rev. Charles, Shaw

Phillips Edwd, Esq, near the Bridge  
Scott Rev. Thomas, Semington  
Simpson the Misses, Devizes road  
**ACADEMIES AND SCHOOLS.**  
BRITISH SCHOOL, Lowbourne —  
Samuel Woolridge, master; Sarah  
Port, mistress  
Haines Elizabeth, City [st  
Harwood Jane (boarding), Church  
Honywill Ann, King st  
INFANTS' SCHOOL, Lowbourne—  
Mary Salter, mistress  
Millard Emma, Church st  
NATIONAL SCHOOL, Churchyard—  
James Drew, master; Sarah  
Drew, mistress

Orman Henry (boarding), Spa Villa  
Smith Rich. (boarding), Shaw House  
Vincent Caroline, Lowbourne  
Wilshere Elizabeth, Semington

**AGENTS—**

(See also Fire, &c. Office Agents.)  
Aust Charles (for the Wilts & Berks  
Canal Company, and wharfinger),  
Market place  
Deadman Jas. (for the Kennet & Avon  
Canal Company), Semington  
Phelps Philip (land), Market place  
Theobald John (for the Wilts and  
Berks Canal Compy), Semington

**ATTORNEYS.**  
 Awdry Henry Goddard & Justly  
 William, Market place  
 Moule & Gore, Bank st  
 Smith Alexander B. (& master extra  
 in chancery), Market place

**BAKERS & FLOUR DEALERS.**  
 Adams Jeremiah, Forest  
 Barton Benjamin, Market place  
 Buckley Michael, Caroline buildings  
 Dicks James, Semington  
 Ruddle Henry, Lowbourn  
 Shepherd Joseph, King st  
 Watson Thomas, Market place  
 Young Stephen, Market place

**BANKERS.**  
 NORTH WILTS BANKING COMPANY,  
 Bank st—(draw on Drewett &  
 Fowler, London), Thos. Palmer,  
 manager  
 SAVINGS' BANK, Melksham—Chas.  
 Thomas Moule, actuary

**BLACKSMITHS.**  
 Bendy James, Semington  
 Bigwood William, City  
 Jordan John, Devizes road  
 Jordon Richard, City  
 Oatley John, King st

**BOOKSELLERS & STATIONERS.**  
 Cochrane John (& printer), Bank st  
 Flocks Thos. (stationer), Market pl.

**BOOT AND SHOE MAKERS.**  
 Allwood Gideon, Bank st  
 Angel William, Whitley  
 Buckland Abraham, Canhold  
 Buckland William, King st  
 Davis Abraham, Bath buildings  
 Hale John, Caroline buildings  
 Hughes James, Acre  
 Jarvis Charles, Market place  
 Knee John, Church st  
 Lane William, Semington  
 Little Abraham, City  
 Merchant John, City  
 Mitchell Richard, City  
 Mitchell Thomas, City  
 Mortimer Robert, Church st [st  
 Shaul Robt. (& leather seller), Bank  
 Stokes Singer, Bank st  
 Sumner John, Church st  
 Sumner Thomas, High st  
 Usher William, King st

**BRAZIERS AND TIN-MEN.**  
 Coombe Joseph, Market place  
 Keadall John, Acre

**BREWERS.**  
 Barton & Joyce (ale and porter),  
 MELKSHAM BREWERY  
 Hazeland Jemima, Shaw  
 Ricketts Thomas, City

**BUTCHERS.**  
 Ellis Edmund (pork), City  
 Haines George, Bath buildings  
 Harris Joseph, Bath buildings  
 Harriss Elizabeth, Church st  
 Newman Thomas, Bank st  
 Taylor Thomas, City

**CABINET MAKERS.**  
 Newton Henry, Canon square  
 Stokes George, Market place  
 Woodman George, Lowbourn

**CARPENTERS AND WHEEL-  
 WRIGHTS.**  
 Bolwell William, King st  
 Bulgiu Richard, Bank st  
 Hale William, Whitley  
 Holder Jasper, Devizes road  
 Knapp James, Bath road  
 Spragg James, Cobourg place  
 Stokes George, Market place  
 Webb Henry, King st  
 Webb William, King st  
 Wilshere Robert, Semington

**CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS.**  
 Flocks Thos. Howse, Market place  
 Mundy Walter, High st

**CLOTHIERS.**  
 Phillips & Smith, MELKSHAM MILL

**COAL MERCHANTS.**  
 Bendy John (dealer), Broughton la  
 Maggs 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 [road

**ARCHITECTS',** Jas. Spragg, Devizes  
**ARGUS (life),** George Plummer,  
 Church st [Market place

**BRITANNIA (life),** Thos. Howse Flocks  
**COUNTY (fire),** Henry Mansfield,  
 Bank streets

**GENERAL,** William Porter, Bank st  
**GRESHAM (life),** Alfred Woolridge,  
 Bank st [ket place

**IMPERIAL,** Alexander B. Smith, Mar-  
**MINERVA (life),** Alfred Woolridge,  
 Bank st [Bank st

**PROFESSIONAL (life),** Arthur Gore,  
**PROVIDENT (life),** Henry Mansfield,  
 Bank street

**ROYAL FARMERS' and GENERAL,**  
 Walter Mundy, High st  
**ROYAL LIVERPOOL,** William Eyres,  
 Bank street

**SOLICITORS' & GENERAL,** Alexan-  
 der B. Smith, Market place

**STANDARD,** Walter Mundy, High st  
**STAR,** Joseph Herbert Maggs, Mar-  
 ket place [place

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

**GROCERS & TEA DEALERS.**  
 (See also Shopkeepers, &c.)

Cooper Thomas, High st  
 Fowler & Co. (tea dealers), Bank st  
 Hayward Reuben, High st  
 Malinson Chas., (tea dealer), Bank st  
 Redman & Stratton, High st  
 Redman John, Bank st  
 Ricketts Thomas, City  
 Woodman Jeremiah, Bank st

**HAIR DRESSERS.**  
 Oram William, Bath buildings  
 Pullin George, Bank st

**HOP MERCHANTS.**  
 Barton & Joyce, Bank st  
 Cooper Thomas, High st  
 Hazeland Jemima, Shaw  
 Malinson Charles, Bank st  
 Redman & Stratton, High st

**INNS.**  
 (See also Taverns & Public Houses.)

Bear (commercial), William Joyce,  
 Bank street  
 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  
 Shaul Robert, Bank st

**LINEN DRAPERS.**  
 Butterworth Ann, King st  
 Sharland Frederick Geo., Bath bdgs  
 Smith Frederick, Market place  
 Woodman Eliza & Mary Ann, Bank st

**MALTSTERS.**  
 Bruges Thomas, Church st  
 Collet George, Whitley  
 Hazeland Jemima, Shaw  
 Maltravers William, Semington  
 Taylor William, Forest

**MILLERS.**  
 Jeffereys Samuel Alexander, Melks-  
 ham Mill [Mill

Jeffereys Thomas, jun., Melksham  
**MILLINERS & DRESS MAKERS**  
 Allwood Ann, Church st  
 Freeman Juliana, High st  
 Hunt Jane, City  
 Richings Sabina, Lowbourn  
 Sharland Elizabeth, Bath buildings  
 Woodbridge Elizabeth, City

**PAINTERS, PLUMBERS AND  
 GLAZIERS.**

Berry John Peter, Bank st  
 Blake Henry, Cobourg square  
 Butler John, Union st  
 Coombe William Webb, King st  
 Haines Edwin, Canhold  
 Harris Joseph, Canhold

**POST MASTERS,  
 AND OWNERS OF FLIES, HORSES,  
 &c. FOR HIRE.**

Barton & Joyce, Bank st  
 Bird James, Market place

**ROPE & TWINE MANUFCTRS.**  
 Maggs Charles & Co. (flat & round  
 rope), Market place  
 Maggs Joseph Herbert (and sack  
 tarpauling, and marquee tent),  
 Market place

**SADDLERS.**  
 Buckland John, Bank st  
 Crook Thomas, Market place  
 Haines Stephen, Market place

**SHOPKEEPERS & DEALERS IN  
 GROCERIES & SUNDRIES.**

Bigwood William, King st  
 Colbourne Joseph, Caroline bildigs  
 Davis Benjamin, Caroline buildings  
 Dicks Jame, Semington  
 Flower William, Semington  
 Hughes John, Broughton lane  
 Jarvis Thomas, Market place  
 Jones William, King st  
 Mitchell Richard, King st  
 Porter William, Bank st  
 Shepherd Joseph, King st  
 Sidnell Thomas, King tt  
 Stow Charlotte, City  
 Wilts Thomas, City

**SLATERS AND PLASTERERS.**  
 Colbourn Henry, Union st  
 Colbourn Nelson, Market place  
 Spragg James, Devizes road  
 Wiltshire Abel, King st

**SPIRIT MERCHANTS.**  
 Barton & Joyce (and wine), Bank st  
 Cooper Thomas, High st  
 Hayward Reuben, High st

**STONE MASONS.**  
 King Henry, Church st  
 Rumsey John, Forest  
 Spragg James, Cobourg place  
 Townsend Henry, City  
 Wilts Thomas, City

**STRAW BONNET MAKERS.**  
 Boswell Mary, King st  
 Knee Jane, Bath bildngs  
 Pickett Ellen, Devizes road  
 Shepperd Sarah, Bath road

**SURGEONS.**  
 Kenrick George, Market place  
 King Jasper, Lowbourn  
 Plimmer George, Church st

**TAILORS.**

Bailey Zechariah, Lowbourne  
Fricker & Hunt, Bath buildings  
Gerrish Isaac, King st  
Lewington William, Church st  
Matthews John, Bank ss  
Parke William, City  
Selman Robert, Canon square  
Selman William, King street

**TAVERNS & PUBLIC HOUSES.**

New Crown, Charle Aust, High st  
Old Crown, Richard Buckland, Market place  
Royal Oak, Wm, Whale, High st  
Unicorn, Alfred Cox, City  
Wagon & Horses, Hannah Gulliver, Semington  
White Hart, Wm. Bucklandi, King st

**RETAILERS OF BEER.**

Butler Thomas, City  
Miles Job Semington  
Ricketts Thomas, City  
Rumsey John, Forest  
Webb Dennis, Semington road  
Witts Thomas, City

**WATCH AND CLOCK MAKERS.**

Bullock John, Market st  
Burgess Henry, High st

**WHITESMITHS.**

Eyres Williaw, Bank st  
Keen Charles City

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

Bailey Zechariah, marine store dealer, Lowbourne [Market pl]  
Ball John, clog and patien maker  
Bradley William, profesor of music, Canhold [st]  
Colbourn Henry, bacon factor, High  
Eyres Wm. iron founder., Bank st  
Flooks George, registrar of births and deaths, Devizes road  
GAS WORKS, Bank street—William Simpson, manager  
Gore John, weaver, Church st  
Harding Henry, cooper, City  
Hinder Saml. auctioneer, Market pl  
Honeywell John, furniture broker, King street [st]  
Hughes Henry, clothes dealer, King  
Jones Wm. tallow chandler, King st  
Jordan John, agricultural implement maker. Devizes road  
Keene John, shuttle maker, Shnrnold  
Large Wm. boat builder, Semington  
Mansfield Hy. corn dealer, Bank st  
MARKET HOUSE, Market square—Thomas Jarvis, clerk [st]  
Marks Thos. working cutler, Church  
Millard Mary Ann. haberdasher, Church st  
Moon John, fellmonger, City  
North John, coach builder, Church st

Phelps Philip, clerk to the magistrates, Market place  
Pocock William, poulterer, Whitley  
POLICE STATION, Market place—Charles Merrett, inspector  
Richings Thomas, inland revenue officer, Lowbourne  
Rixson Peter, turner and cooper, Semington road  
Salter Joseph, sexton, Canon square  
Simpson Wm. brush mkr, Devizes rd  
STAMP OFFICE, Bank st—Frederick G. Monle, sub-distributer  
Theobald John, corn mcht, Semington  
TOWN HALL, Market place  
Waight George, bookbinder, High st  
Woodman Jeremiah, china dealer, Bank street

**PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND THEIR MINISTERS.**

SANCT MICHAEL'S CHURCH, Canon square—Rev. Geo. Hume, *vicar*.  
SAINT GEORGE'S CHAPEL OF EASE, Semington—Rev. Thomas Scott, *incumbent*  
BAPTIST CHAPEL, Broughton lane  
Rev. Charles Daniels  
BAPTIST CHAPEL, Union street—*ministers various*.  
INDEPENDENT CHAPEL, Market sq.—Rev. William Jackson  
FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE, High st  
WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPELS, High street, Melksham, and at Semington

**POOR LAW UNION.**

WORKHOUSE, at Semington  
*Governor*—Edward Ingram  
*Matron*—Charlotte Ingram  
*Schoolmaster*—Jos. R. Richards,  
*Clerk to the Board of Guardians*  
Philip Phelps  
*Chaplain*—Rev. Thomas Scott  
*Surgeon*—George Silvester  
*Relieving Officer*—George Flooks

**REGISTRARS**

OF BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES,  
*Superintendent Registrar*—Philip Phelps, Market place  
*Registrar of Marriages*—John Knee, Bath buildings  
*Registrar of Births and Deaths*—George Flooks, Devizes road

**COUNTY COURT,**

HELD AT THE TOWN HALL MONTHLY  
*Judge*—Joseph Grace Smith, Esq  
*High Bailiff*—John Giblett  
*Clerk*—Charles Thomas Moule  
*Bailiff*—Henry Millard

**COACHES.**

To BATH, *Sheppard'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, *Sheppard's Coach* (from Bath), calls at the Bear, and 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 & Thursdy; Thomas Taylor, from his house, Church st. Wednesday & Saturday, and John Hibberd, from the New Crown, Tuesday  
To BRISTOL, Thomas Sutton, from the New Crown, Mon. & Thurs.  
To CALNE, Stephen Spackman, from the George, Tuesday  
To CHIPPENHAM, Jessop & 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, Thos. Sutton, from the New Crown, Wednesday and Saturday; and James Douse, from the George, Stephen Mizen, from from the Bell, and Thomas Taylor, from his house, Church street, on Thursday  
To TROWBRIDGE, Jessoy & Co., from the George, & Wm. Arter from his house, Market pl., daily  
To WARMINSTER and WESTBURY, William Arter, from his house, Market place, daily  
To WOODBOROUGH, John Hibberd, from the New Crown, Wednesday

**CONVEYANCE BY WATER.**

To BRISTOL, Jas. Boswell's *boats*, from Melksham wharf every two days, (calling at Bradford and Hilperton), days uncertain—Chas. Aust, *agent*; and Thos. Bunner's *boats*, twice a week

**MERE**

IS a parish giving name to a hundred—the market town, a small one, is 102 miles w. s. w. from London, 22 west from Salisbury, 7 n. n. w. from Shaftesbury (Dorset), the same distance west from Hindon, and 10 s. from Warminster; situated on the high road from Salisbury and Amesbury to Wincanton. The name of this place is derived from the Saxon word *mæra*, signifying bounds or limits, and indicates its situation on the borders of Wilts, Dorset, and Somerset. At one time dowlas and bed-ticking was manufactured here somewhat extensively; now the principal branch is silk-throwing, by the firm of Messrs. Butt & Jupe—a very respectable establishment. There are still a few looms occupied in weaving linen, and flax-spinning in connexion therewith employ other hands. This town

formerly sent members to parliament, but was disfranchised upon *petition* of the inhabitants. Courts leet and baron are held annually for the Duchy of Cornwall; but the magisterial business connected with the division and town is transacted at Hindon.

The parish church of Saint Michael is a spacious and handsome building, with a tower at the west end surmounted 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 ceiling. The living is a vicarage, in the patronage of the Dean of Salisbury, and incumbency of the Rev. Henry Wake; the Rev. Thomas Blundell is his present curate. There is a place of worship for Independents. An endowment, left by Dr. Tateham, of £10. per annum, is ap-