

Hewer John, farmer
James Edward, farmer
Lane William J. farmer
Mitchell William, shoe maker

Pitt Charles, farmer
Smith John, shoe maker
Sparrow Samuel, *Three Magpies*
Sutton Thomas, shoe maker

Thomas Joseph, shopkeeper
Thomas Robert, *Spotted Cow*
Wane Harry, shopkeeper
Westell Robert, farmer

SOUTH MARSTON is a tithing and village, in the parish of Highworth, Northern division of the county, hundred and union of Highworth, Swindon county court district, near the Wilts and Berks Canal and Great Western Railway, and distant from Highworth 3½ miles south, 3 west from Shrivenham station, 74 from London, and 3½ east from Swindon station. The church is a plain structure, in the Early English style of architecture, with square tower, containing 3 bells. The living is a chapelry, annexed, with that of Sevenhampton, to the vicarage of Highworth; the Rev. Arthur Edward Robinson is curate. There is a Wesleyan chapel. Alfred Bell, Esq., is lord of the manor and chief proprietor of the soil. The crops are chiefly grass.

The population in 1861 was 370; the area is included with the parish of Highworth.

BEERTON and HUNT'S COPSE are half a mile north; Rowborough, a Roman settlement, half a mile south-east.

Parish Clerk, William Stone.

Letters from Swindon, which is the nearest money order office

Parochial School, Mrs. Eliza Boyett, mistress
CARRIER.—William Titcomb, to Marlborough, saturday; to Highworth, wednesday; to Newbury, thursday

Bell Alfred, esq. Manor house
Robinson Rev. Arthur Edward [curate]
Cox Charles, tailor
Edwards Walter, farmer
Fisher Thomas, blacksmith
Gosling Jonathan, farmer
Head Edward, shoe maker
Large Charles, lock keeper
Lewis Daniel, shopkeeper

Litten Farmer, farmer
Litten Mary (Mrs.), farmer
Love John, farmer
Painter John, beer retailer
Pickett Richard, shopkeeper
Pinching John, farmer
Pinniger Charles, farmer
Ricks Phoebe (Mrs.), *Royal Oak inn*
Sharpe Susan (Mrs.), farmer

Smith William, farmer
Snook George, farmer
Titcomb James, carpenter
Titcomb Ralph, *Carriers' Arms*
Tuckey Henry, farmer & landowner
Tull Edward, dairyman
Warman William, farmer
Whitfield Robert, farmer
Withers Ralph, farmer

MARTIN is a parish, on the borders of Hampshire and Dorsetshire, in the Southern division of the county, South Damerham hundred, Fordingbridge union, county court district of Salisbury, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, and rural deanery of Chalke, distant 4 miles north-east from Cranborne, and 9½ south-west-by-south from Salisbury. The church of St. Martin is an ancient structure, in the Early English style, and consists of nave, chancel, north and south transepts, and north aisle under separate roof, its length intersecting the transept on that side; it has square tower surmounted by heavy octagonal spire, with 3 bells: it was repaired and internally restored in 1857, and re-seated with open benches. The earliest register bears date 1590. The living is a vicarage, annual value £220, with residence, in the gift of the vicar of South Damerham, and held by the Rev. George Warwick Bampfylde Daniell, M.A., of Caius College, Cambridge. There is a charity here, bequeathed by the late William Talk, of 8s. per week to six

poor and deserving persons in the parish. There is a National school, built at the cost of £320, of which £123 was contributed by the Committee of Council, the remainder by subscription. E. Cootes, Esq. (a minor), is lord of the manor. The principal landowner is the Rev. Edward Peacock. The soil is chalk and sand; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat and barley. The area is 4,501 acres, and the population in 1861 was 574.

Toyd Farm, with Allenford, formerly extra-parochial, now form a parish near this place, with 12 inhabitants.

TIDPIT is a hamlet, a quarter of a mile south.

Parish Clerk, James Harris.

POST OFFICE.—William Pullen, receiver. Letters arrive from Salisbury at 10 a.m.; dispatched at 4 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Cranborne
National School, Miss Eliza Holloway, mistress

Daniell Rev. George Warwick Bampfylde, M.A. [vicar]
Waters Mr. Thomas, Tidpit
COMMERCIAL.
Aldridge Matthew, farmer, Manor farm
Amey John, shopkeeper & baker
Blandford John, farmer, Tidpit
Butler Frances (Mrs.), *White Hart*
Cull Mary (Mrs.), farmer, Tidpit
Dibben John, carrier & dealer

Dove Charles, shoe maker
Ford John, farmer
Friend Martin Sweetapple, farmer & landowner
Martin Charles & Malachi, landowners & farmers
Pullen William, baker & shopkeeper, & post office
Scamell Jas. carpenter & wheelwright
Scamell James, sen. farmer

Street Amelia (Mrs.), farmer, shopkeeper & baker
Street Thomas, farmer
Sutton James, farmer
Thompson Mary (Mrs.), *Cootes Arms*
Titt James, shoe maker
Waters George, farmer
Waters George, farmer, Toyd farm
White John, shoe maker
White Josiah, blacksmith

MELKSHAM.

MELKSHAM is a market, union and county court town, polling-place for the Northern division of the county, railway station, and parish, in the hundred of the same name, diocese of Salisbury, archdeaconry of Wilts, and rural deanery of Potterne, 100 miles west-by-south from London, 30 north-west from Salisbury, 6 north-east from Bradford, 5½ north-east from Trowbridge, 7 west from 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.

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 register dates from 1560. 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, and held by the Rev. George Hume, M.A., of King's College, Cambridge. The tithe rent-charge to the improprator is £978 8s. 10d., and to the vicar £900.

Here are National, British, and Infant schools. There

are places of worship for Baptists, Independents, the Society of Friends, and Wesleyan Methodists.

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 in length, which is well-paved and lighted by 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 almost entirely in disuse. Woollen manufactures, also flat and round ropes, haircloths, cocoa fibre and sacking manu-

facture, is carried on here, and considerable business is done 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 district includes the following places, namely: Atworth, Beanacre, Blackmore, Bowerhill, Broughton Gifford, Littleton, Melksham, Red Stocks, Sandridge, Seend, Semington, Shaw, The Forest, Whaddon, Whitley and Woodrow.

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 free-stone, 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 a large corn-mill, an extensive cloth factory, and dye-houses. The Wilts and Berks Canal passes on the east of the town, and about a mile and a half southward joins the Kennet and Avon Canal.

The market is held on every alternate Tuesday 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 Melksham union comprises the following places, viz.:—Hilperton, Littleton, Melksham, Seend, Semington, Trowbridge, and Whaddon. The Poor-House, a substantial stone building, is situated in the village of Semington, about 2 miles from the town.

R. P. Long, Esq., M.P., is lord of the manor.

The population in the town in 1861 was 2,452; the parish, 5,337, including 1,086 in Seend chapelry; and the area is 12,572 acres.

BEANACRE and BLACKMORE are tithings.

SHAW (with WHITLEY) is a new ecclesiastical parish. The living is a perpetual curacy, annual value £105, in the gift of the vicar of Melksham, and held by the Rev. George Nutt, M.A., of Worcester College, Oxford. The register dates from 1838. Population 596.

Parish Clerk, Singer Stokes.

Official Establishments, Local Institutions, &c.

POST AND MONEY ORDER OFFICE,

Post Office Savings Bank, and Government Annuity and Insurance Office, Bank Street.

Postmaster—Mr. Alexander Cochrane.

DESPATCH OF LETTERS.

Day Mail—London 11.30 a.m. or by affixing an extra stamp till 11.35 a.m. Bath, Bristol, North of England, North Wales, Ireland & Scotland, 2 p.m. or by affixing an extra stamp till 2.5 p.m.

Evening Mail—Salisbury, Dorset, South Wales & Hampshire, 7 p.m. London & all parts of the United Kingdom 9.15 p.m. or by affixing an extra stamp till 9.30 p.m.

DELIVERY OF LETTERS.

London & all parts of the United Kingdom, 7 a.m. summer—7.30 winter. Salisbury, Hampshire & Midland County 9 a.m. summer & winter. London (second delivery) 12.30 p.m. summer & winter.

Money Order, Post Office Savings Bank & Government Annuity business transacted daily from 9 a.m. till 6 p.m.; except on Saturdays, when the hours are from 9 a.m. till 8 p.m.

MAGISTRATES.

Ralph Ludlow Lopes, esq. Sandridge park
Wadham Locke, esq. Cleeve house, Seend
William Speke, esq. Monks house, Corsham
C. J. T. Connolly, esq. Cottles house, Atworth
Henry Goddard Awdry, esq. Notton lodge
G. B. Fuller, esq. The Ridge, Corsham

The following places are included in the Petty Sessional Division of Melksham:—Melksham, with its tithings as Beanacre, Blackmore, Canonhold, Shaw, Shurnold, Whitley & Woodrow, also Seend, Semington and Whaddon. Courts are holden at the Town Hall, Melksham, on the last Tuesday in each month & every Tuesday for criminal justice, commencing at 12 o'clock.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Justly W. Awdry	William Matravers
John Baines	Philip Phelps
Benjamin Barton	Benjamin Shaul
Alexander Cochrane	Robert Simpson
William Eyres	Henry Simpson
Edward G. Flocks	Samuel A. Sylvester
Arthur Gore	Alexander B. Smith
John Hunt	Opie Smith
Samuel A. Jefferys	Henry Steward
Jasper R. King	James Stratton
Robert Laine	John Tayler
Joseph H. Maggs	Richard Williams

Clerk to the Commissioners, Arthur Gore, esq. Lowbourne.

MELKSHAM UNION.

Union house at Semington.

Chairman, William Perkins Clark, esq. Trowbridge
Guardians, Ex-Officio, Ralph Ludlow Lopes, esq. Sandridge park; Wadham Locke, esq. Seend
Elected Guardians, Melksham: Messrs. William Crook, William Collings, T. S. Gregory, Thomas Newman, & George Pritchard; Seend: Messrs. William Tayler, & John Ashby; Semington: Mr. William Tayler; Whaddon: Mr. Charles Redman

ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE FOR MELKSHAM UNION.

Chairman, Ralph Ludlow Lopes, esq. Sandridge park
Melksham, Wadham Locke, esq. Messrs. Thomas Newman
George Pritchard, William Tayler

Clerk to the Committee, Mr. P. Phelps, Melksham

The police force consists of an inspector & 6 constables, placed as follows:—an inspector & 2 constables at Melksham, & a constable each at Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Melksham Forest & Semington

INSURANCE AGENTS.

Accidental Death, John Baines, Bank street
Atlas, Benjamin Shaul, Bank street
County Fire, Frederick Smith, Bank street
Edinburgh Life, Alexander Blucher Smith, Market place
Farmers' Fire & Life, John Baines, Bank street
Imperial, Alexander Blucher Smith, Market place
Law Union, Alexander Blucher Smith, Market place
Liverpool & London & Globe, James Rawlings, Shurnold
London Assurance Corporation, Robert Laine, Market pl
London & Provincial Law, Arthur Gore, Lowbourne pl
National Provident, Thomas Palmer, North Wilts Bank
National Union, L. H. Nolan, Railway station
Northern Fire & Life, Charles Wilson, Wilts & Dorset Bank, High street
Phoenix Fire, E. Eyres
Provident Life, Frederick Smith, Bank street
Reliance, Joseph Jones, King street
Royal Fire & Life, Ernest A. Stiles, North Wilts Bank, Bank street; E. Eyres, Tower house, Lacock
Scottish Provincial Fire & Life, Ernest A. Stiles, North Wilts Bank, Bank street
Standard Life, John Baines, Bank street
Sun Fire & Life, Justly William Awdry, Market place
West of England Fire & Life, Alexander Cochrane, Bank street

PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS.

County Court, Camille Felix Desiré Caillard, esq. judge; George Edmund Wilcox, esq. Calne, high bailiff; Alexander Blucher Smith, esq. Place house, Market place, registrar; Jacob Newman, Forest, sub-bailiff
Gas Works, Mr. Benjamin Shaul, Bank street, manager
Melksham Rifle Corps (12th Wilts), Justly William Awdry, esq. captain; Meredith Brown, jun. esq. Nonsuch, lieutenant
Mutual Improvement Society, Reading Rooms, Bank street, Mr. William Carter, Church street, secretary
Station House, Market place, Thomas Gibson, inspector
Town Hall & Cheese Market, Market place
Wiltshire Friendly Society, Canhold, Singer Stokes, steward

PUBLIC OFFICERS.

Clerk to Assessed & Land Tax Commissioners, Charles George Moule, Lowbourne
Clerk to Board of Guardians of Melksham Union, Philip Phelps, Market street
Clerk to Commissioners of Holt Turnpike Trust, Arthur Gore, esq. Lowbourne
Actuary of Savings Bank, Arthur Gore, esq. Lowbourne
Clerk to Commissioners of Melksham Turnpike Trust, Arthur Gore, Lowbourne

Clerk to Town Commissioners, Arthur Gore, esq. Low-
bourne
*Clerk to Commissioners of Property Tax for Melksham
Division*, Philip Phelps, Market place
Registrar of County Court, Alexander Blucher Smith,
Place house, Market place
*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. Lowbourne
*Commissioners for Taking Affidavits in the Common Law
Courts*, Justly William Awdry, Market place; Alexan-
der Blucher Smith, Market place
*Commissioners for Taking Acknowledgments of Mar-
ried Women*, Justly William Awdry, Market place;
Alexander Blucher Smith, Market place
Commissioner for Taking Oaths in Chancery, Arthur
Gore, esq. Bank street
Registrar of Births & Deaths for Melksham District,
Singer Stokes, Canhold; *Deputy*, John Baines, Bank
street
Registrar of Marriages for Melksham District, Frederick
Smith, Bank street
Relieving Officer for Melksham District, Singer Stokes,
Canhold
Sub-Distributor of Stamps, Charles George Moule, Low-
bourne
*Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths & Mar-
riages for the Melksham Union*, Philip Phelps, Market
place
Deputy-Superintendent Registrar, Alexander Cochrane,
Bank street
Assistant Overseer & Collector of Poor Rates, John P.
Berry, Bank street
Bailiff of the Hundred & Manor of Melksham, William
Collings, Outmarsh
Inspector of Nuisances, Charles Merrett, Market place

PLACES OF WORSHIP.

St. Michael's Church, Church street, Rev. George Hume,
M.A. vicar & surrogate; Rev. John H. Phillips, M.A. &
Rev. H. J. Patterson, B.A. curates

Shaw Church, Shaw, Rev. George Nutt, M.A. incumbent;
Rev. Henry Hooper, M.A. curate
Baptist Chapel, Broughton road, Rev. J. H. Wood,
minister
Baptist Chapel (Particular), Union street, Rev. Harry
Pocock, minister
Baptist Chapel, Beanacre, ministers various
Baptist Chapel, Forest, ministers various
Congregational Chapel, Market place, Rev. H. Young,
minister
Friends' Meeting House, King street
Wesleyan Chapel, High street, Rev. J. Mitchell, minister
Wesleyan Chapel, Whitley, ministers various

SCHOOLS.

Grammar, Edward Vaughan Williams, esq., B.A. head
master
National, Churchyard, William Carter, master; Miss Maria
Hitchens, mistress
British, Lowbourne, Daniel Pick, master

POSTING HOUSES.

King's Arms hotel, Henry Steward, Market place
Bear inn, Henry Bown, Bank street

CONVEYANCE.

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

CARRIERS.

BATH—Thomas Taylor, from his house, Cannon square,
every wednesday & saturday, returning same day
LONDON & all parts (by rail)—Great Western Railway
company, station, Bath road

RAILWAY.

Great Western, station, Bath road, L. H. Nolan, station
master; Henry Steward, 'King's Arms,' Market place,
goods agent

WATER CONVEYANCE.

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

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Andrews Mr. Richard, Avon house
Awdry Justly William, esq. Thornbank
Barling Mrs. Devizes road
Barnwell Rev. Edward Lowry, Melks-
ham house
Beaven Mr. Christopher, Coburg place
Beaven Mr. James, Rose cottage,
Bowerhill
Blewitt Mrs. Caroline, Coburg place
Clift Stephen Brown, esq. Bank street
Cooper Mrs. Coburg place
Crook Mrs. Ann, King street
Curtis Miss, Church street
Dickenson Mrs. Whitley
Evans Mr. Hugh Foskett, Shurnhold
Eyles Mr. William, Bank street
Fowler Miss, Bank street
Fowler Robert Nicholas, esq. Elm grove
Gore Arthur, esq. Giffords
Hamlen Mr. Henry, Bath road
Harris Mr. William, Grove cottage
Hartley Mr. Augustus, The Lawn
Heathcote Mrs. Shaw hill
Hervey Mrs. The Lawn
Hervey Captain, The Spa
Hume Rev. George, M.A. [vicar, & sur-
rogate], Vicarage

Husband Mrs. Whitley
Jefferys Mrs. Lowbourne
Jefferys Samuel Alex. esq. Coburg place
King Jasper Rumboll, esq. Lowbourne
house
Knapp Mr. James, Bath road
Lopes Ralph Ludlow, esq. J.P. Sand-
ridge park
Maggs Mr. Joseph Herbert, The Spa
Manning Mr. Robert, Shurnhold
Matravers Mr. John Howard, Avon
bridge
Matravers William, esq. Avon bridge
Meeres Edward Evan, esq. M.D. Mar-
ket place
Miller Miss, King street
Miller Lewis, esq. Spa road
Mitchell Rev. J. [Wesleyan], Canhold
Moule Mrs. The Spa
Newte Mr. Wm. Fredk. Coburg place
Nutt Rev. George, M.A. Shaw parsonage
O'Connor Chas. F. esq. M.A. Shaw house
Oldham William, esq. Whitley
Palmer Thomas, esq. Bank house
Patterson Rev. H. J. [curate]
Phelps Philip, esq. Market place
Phillips Rev. John H. M.A. [curate],
Market place

Phillips Mrs. Avon house
Phillips Mr. William, Avon house
Plimmer Mrs. Church street
Pocock Mr. Harry, Union street
Questal Miss, Semington road
Rawlings James, esq. Shurnell leaze
Rutty Mr. King street
Say Mr. Arthur, Shurnhold
Shorland Edward, esq. King street
Simons Mr. David, Whitley
Simpson Misses, Coburg place
Simpson Mr. Robert, Devizes road
Smith Alexander Blucher, esq. Place
house, Market place
Smith Opie, esq. Spa villa
Stewart Mrs. Belmont
Stiles Mr. Edward A. Canhold
Sylvester Saml. A. esq. Bowerhill lodge
Watts Mrs. Lowbourne
Williams Mrs. The Spa
Williams Edward Vaughan, esq., B.A.
Church street
Williams Richard, esq. The Ark
Wilson Charles, esq. Canon square
Wood Rev. J. H. [Baptist], Lowbourne
Young Rev. Henry [Congregational]
Union street

COMMERCIAL.

Adams Alfred, baker, Forest
Adams James, machinist, Old Broughton road
Adams Mary Ann (Mrs.), livery stable keeper, Bank street
Allwood Gideon, grocer, Bank street
Andrews William, engineer &c. Bradford road
Angell William, boot & shoe maker & subpostmaster, Shaw
Arthur Charles, painter & glazier, Bank street
Austin Robert, *Golden Fleece*, Folly lane
Austin Thomas, inland revenue officer, High street
Awdry Justly William, solicitor, Market place
Baines John, chemist & druggist, Bank street
Ball John, general dealer, Lowbourne
Bartlett John, outfitter, Bath buildings
Barton — (Misses), bakers & corn dealers, Market place

Beaven Batten, farmer, Bowerhill
Beaven Christopher, farmer, Queenfield farm
Berry John Peter, plumber & glazier, Bank street
Bigwood William, blacksmith & grocer, King street
Blake Henry, plumber & glazier, King street
Blake William, carpenter, Coburg square
Bodman Benjamin, farmer, Halfway house
Bolton Henry, *New Crown*, & brewer, Market place
Boswell Mary (Miss), straw bonnet maker, King street
Bown Henry, *Bear hotel*, Bank street
Bruges Thomas, maltster, Canhold
Buckland Abraham, boot & shoe maker, Canhold
Buckland John, saddle & harness maker, Bank street
Buckland Richard, *Old Crown*, Market place
Bulgin Richard, carpenter, Lowbourne

- Burgess Henry, watch maker & confectioner, Lowbourne
 Butler Thomas, town crier, Union street
 Butler William, farmer, Beanacre
 Cannings Thomas, brewer & maltster, Shaw
 Carpenter William, carpenter, King street
 Clarke George, house agent, Canon square
 Clarke William, cattle dealer, Spa road
 Cleverley Hannah (Mrs.), watch maker, Lowbourne
 Cleverley William, plasterer, Union street
 Cochrane Alexander, postmaster, printer, bookseller,
 bookbinder, stationer, newspaper & advertising agent
 & agent for the West of England Fire & Life Office,
 Bank street
 Colbourne Henry, grocer & bacon factor, High street
 Colbourne Nelson, plasterer, Union street
 Colbourne William, plasterer, Canhold
 Collett John, *Bell*, & brewer, Bath road
 Collett Mrs. farmer, Bowerhill
 Collett William, butcher, Bath road
 Collings William, farmer & auctioneer, Antmarsh
 Coombe Mary (Mrs.), grocer, Market place
 Cottle Charles, farmer, New town
 Cottle William, farmer, Conigree farm
County Court (Alexander Blucher Smith, esq. registrar),
 Registrar's office, Place house, Market place
 Cox Alfred, *Unicorn*, & brewer, Bath road
 Crook Thomas Redman, saddle & harness maker, Market
 place
 Crook William, farmer, Beanacre
 Curnick Thomas, farmer, Beanacre
 Dancey Misses, farmer, Beanacre
 Dancey Thomas, farmer, Westland farm
 Dark Stephen, plasterer, King street
 Davis Ann & Elizabeth (Misses), dress makers, Canhold
 Davis Abraham, boot & shoe maker, Bath buildings
 Deverell John, plasterer, Lowbourne
 Ellis Edmund, pork butcher, King street
 Escott Henry, poulterer, Snarlton
 Eyles Edward A. corn & coal merchant, Semington road
 Flennell Hugh, farmer, Sandridge
 Flooks Edward Gane, draper & wine & spirit merchant, High
 street
 Flower Benjamin, poulterer, Woodrow
 Flower John, farmer, Melksham park
 Flower Mary (Mrs.), ladies' school, Church street
 Fox Elizabeth S. (Miss), farmer, Forest
 Frankling John, coal merchant, Market place
 Frankling Mary (Miss), stay maker, Union street
 Freeman Juliana (Miss), china & glass warehouse, High st
 French John, farmer, Blackmore
 Fry John, farmer, Queenfield
 Gale John, poulterer, The Acre
Gas & Coke Company (Benjamin Shaul, mangr.), Bank st
 Gerrish Isaac, tailor, The Lawn
 Gibson Thomas, inspector of police, Police station, Market
 place
 Gore Arthur, solicitor, commissioner for the administration
 of oaths & affidavits in the courts of chancery, actuary of
 the savings bank, clerk to the town commissioners,
 clerk to the Melksham & Holt Turnpike Trusts, secre-
 tary to the Market Company, & agent for the London &
 Provincial Law Life Office, Lowbourne place
 Gray George, watch & clock maker, Bank street
 Gregory John, farmer, Sandridge
 Gregory Thomas Stephens, farmer, Woodrow
 Gunstone Jacob, stone mason, Beanacre
 Gunstone John, stone mason, Union street
 Guy William, seedsman, King street
 Haines Charles, baker, Church street
 Haines Edmund, plumber & glazier, Union street
 Haines Henry, butcher, Bath buildings
 Hand Sidney, farmer, Folly lane
 Harris Alfred, butcher, Bath buildings
 Harris Joseph, plumber & glazier, Canhold
 Harris Thomas, butcher, Church street
 Hawkins William, farmer, Snarlton lane
 Hinder Cornelius, accountant, Devizes road
 Hinder Samuel, auctioneer, Market place
 Hiskens Eliza (Mrs.), baker, Canhold
 Hoddinott James, farmer, Semington road
 Horder William, beer retailer, Church street
 Hughes Emma (Mrs.), grocer, Old Broughton road
 Humphries Mark, baker & shopkeeper, Woodrow
 Hunt & Hayter, tailors, High street
 Hurn James, carpenter, Bank street
 Hutt Joseph, baker, Semington road
 Hutton Thomas, general dealer, King street
 Jarvis John, greengrocer, King street
 Jennings John, draper, Market place
 Jones Job, grocer, Bath road
 Jones Joseph, draper, King street
 Jones Joseph, wheelwright & blacksmith, Lowbourne
 Jones William, tallow chandler, King street
 Jordan John, blacksmith, City
 Keene George, shopkeeper &c. Old Broughton road
 Keene John, shuttle maker, Shurnhold
 Keevil John, farmer, Shaw
 Keevil Richard, farmer, Beanacre
 Kenrick George Cranmer, surgeon, Market place
 King Jasper Rumboll, surgeon, Lowbourne house
 Knee Charles, wheelwright, Union street
 Knee Jane (Mrs.), straw bonnet maker, Bath building
 Knee John, boot & shoe maker, Bath building
 Laine Robert, chemist & druggist, Market place
 Lewington John, coal merchant, King street
 Lewington William, tailor, High street
 Little James, maltster, Shaw
 Little Thomas, coal merchant, Shaw
 Lodge James, *White Hart*, King street
 Long John, farmer, Bezzell's farm
 Long Joseph, farmer, Beanacre
 Maggs Joseph Herbert, manufacturer of flat & round rope,
 twine, sacking, cocoa nut fibre matting, marquees, tents,
 waterproof covers &c. & coal merchant, Devizes road &
 at 33 Market place, Devizes
 Manning Henry John, farmer, Forest
 Mansfield Elizabeth (Mrs.), corn dealer, Bank street
 Mansfield Mary Ann (Mrs.), straw bonnet maker, Bank
 street
 Marchant John, boot & shoe maker, City
 Martin George, beer retailer, Beanacre
 Matravers William & Son, woollen manufacturers, Avon
 bridge
 Meeres Edward Evan, M.D. surgeon, Market place
Melksham Grammar School (Edward Vaughan Williams,
 esq., B.A., head master), Church street
Melksham Rifle Corps (12th Wilts) (Captain Justly
 William Awdry, esq.; Lieut. Meredith Brown, jun. esq.
 Nonsuch)
 Merrett Charles, inspector of nuisances, Market place
 Merrett Daniel, farmer, Shaw
 Miles Isaac, confectioner, Market place
 Miller Lewis, surgeon, Spa road
 Mizzen Emma (Mrs.), grocer, Bath road
 Neale Charles, chimney sweeper, King street
 Newman Jacob, botanical druggist, Woodrow
 Newman James, butcher, Bank street
 Newman Mrs. farmer, Forest
 Newman Thomas, farmer, Crays Marsh
 Newman William, farmer, Bower hill
 Newman William, farmer, Inmarsh
 Newton Henry, cabinet maker, Lowbourne
North Wilts Banking Company's Head Office (Thomas
 Palmer, general manager), hours 10 to 3, Bank street;
 draw on Dimsdale & Co. 50 Cornhill, London *e.c.*
 Oatley Eli, wheelwright & blacksmith, Spa road
 Oatley Jane (Mrs.), dress maker, King street
 Oatley John, blacksmith, King street
 O'Connor Charles F. M.A. academy, Shaw house
 Palmer Thomas, general manager North Wilts Bank, Bank
 street
 Pearce Mrs. farmer, Shaw
 Perrett William, grocer &c. High street
 Phelps Philip, land agent, clerk to the magistrates, to the
 commissioners of property tax, to board of guardians, to
 deputy lieutenants of the subdivision of Melksham &
 Tinhead, to the Trowbridge Highway board, & super-
 intendent registrar of births, deaths & marriages for
 Melksham union, Market place
 Pocock Lucy (Mrs.), farmer, Whitley
 Pocock William, poulterer, Whitley
 Porter John, boot & shoe maker, Whitley
 Powell John, farmer, Whitley
 Pritchard George, farmer, Semington road
 Pulling George, hairdresser, Market place
 Rawlings James, solicitor, Shurnhold
Reading Rooms & Mutual Improvement Society (William
 Carter, secretary), Bank street
 Redman Frederick, farmer, Shurnhold
 Redman John, grocer, Bank street
 Reynolds William, currier, King street
 Richards Thomas, farmer & carpenter, Bower hill
 Ricketts Thomas, brewer & grocer, City
 Rogers Eliza (Mrs.), ladies' school, King street
 Salter Joseph, saddler & harness maker, Market place
 Salter Louisa (Mrs.), ladies' school, Church street
 Sartian Aquila, tailor, Union street
Savings Bank (Arthur Gore, esq. actuary), open on the 1st
 & 3rd Saturdays in the month from 3 to 4 p.m., British
 school, Lowbourne

Sawyer Esther (Mrs.), farmer, Forest Self Lot, farmer, Rhotteridge
 Selman William R. tailor, Canon square
 Shaul Benjamin, confectioner, Bank street
 Shepherd Giles, corn dealer, King street
 Shepherd Joseph, baker, King street
 Shorland Edward, surgeon, King street
 Simpson Robert & Son, ironmongers, High street
 Smart Sarah (Mrs.), shopkeeper & greengrocer, Market pl
 Smith Alexander Blucher, solicitor, commissioner for the administration of oaths & affidavits in the chancery & common law courts, perpetual commissioner for taking acknowledgments of married women, registrar of the county court, agent for the Imperial Fire & Life, Law Union Fire & Life & Edinburgh Life Offices, Place house, Market place
 Smith Frederick, draper, Bank street
Somerset Coal Co. (Samuel Wilcox, agent), Railway station
 Steward Henry, *King's Arms hotel & posting house*, Market pl
 Stokes George, cabinet maker, Market place
 Stokes Singer, relieving officer & parish clerk, Canhold
 Stratton Jas. wholesale & retail grocer & tea dealer, High st
 Summer Aaron, photographer, Union street
 Summer John, boot & shoe maker, Bath buildings
 Sylvester Saml. A. surgeon & deputy coroner, Bowerhill lodge
 Tayler & Ferris, millers, Town mills
 Taylor Thomas, carrier, Canon square
 Theobald John, coal & timber dealer, Semington road

Tonkin William, draper & grocer, High street
Town Hall & Cheese Market, Market place
 Townsend Henry, stone mason, Bath road
 Usher James, coach builder, Devizes road
 Waight Elizabeth (Mrs.), printer & stationer, Lowbourne
 Watson Thomas, baker, Market place
 Watts John, farmer, Sandridge
 Webb Benjamin, farmer, Sandridge
 Webb Hannah (Mrs.), beer retailer, Semington road
 Webb James, beer retailer, Outmarsh
 Webb William, carpenter, King street
 Whale William, *Royal Oak*, Market place
 White William, maltster & cheese factor, Whitley
 Whittaker William, professor of music, Market place
 Wilcox Saml. agent to the Somerset Coal Company, Union st
 Wilkins Charles, grocer, Bank street
 Williams Edward Vaughan, B.A. head master of Melksham Grammar school, Church street
 Willis John, *George*, Union street
 Wilson Chas. manager of the Wilts & Dorset Bank, High st
 Wilton Edward A. corn dealer & wine & spirit mer. Bank st
Wilts & Dorset Bank (branch of) (Charles Wilson, manager), High street; draw on London & Westminster Bank
Wiltshire Friendly Society (Singer Stokes, steward), Canhold
 Witts Thomas, stone mason, City
 Young Jane (Mrs.), baker, High street

MERE is a market town, in the Southern division of the county, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, rural deanery of Wylde, Mere hundred and union, Hindon petty sessional division, and county court district of Shaftesbury, 23 miles west-by-north from Salisbury, 102 west-south-west from London, 7 west from Hindon, 7 east-by-north from Wincanton, 6 from Semley railway station, and 4 from Gillingham railway station, situated on the borders of three counties—Wilts, Dorset, and Somerset—which unite in the vicinity, and is on the road from Salisbury to Taunton Dean. 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, 60 feet: in a Gothic niche over the porch, on the north side, is the figure of a saint, which 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 musical bells. The register dates from 1572, and the churchwardens' books, still preserved, date from 1556. The living is a vicarage, value £400 a year, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held by the Rev. Charles Henry Townsend, M.A., of Lincoln College, Oxford. Here is a National school, and a school in connection with the Congregational Board of Education; also chapels for the Primitive Methodists, the Society of Friends, and the Independents, the latter a large and handsome structure. Flax spinning and silk throwing are carried on here, and the town is lighted by gas. The old gas works, erected in 1837, will soon give place to new ones now in course of erection. The following is a list of places in Mere union:—Bourton (Dorset), Chaddenwicke, Kilmington (Somerset), Kingston Deverill, East Knoyle, West Knoyle, Maiden Bradley, Mere Town, Monckton Deverill, Upper Pertwood, Sedghill, Silton (Dorset), Stourton, Woodlands, and Zeals. The market is on Tuesday; and annual fairs are held on the 17th of May and the 10th of October. 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. Two mortuary chapels have been erected. 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. The Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, is lord of the manor. The principal landowners are the Duke of Somerset, Meyrick Bankes, Esq., Sir Henry A. Hoare, Bart., and Miss Grove. The soil is chalk and flint; subsoil, clay and gravel. The chief crops are wheat, beans and oats, north; and on the south of the town, fine grazing land. The parish contains 7,355 acres, and the population in 1861 was 1,210, exclusive of the tithings, and in the whole parish 2,929.

Parish Clerk, Frederick Cross.

Zeals Green is a hamlet of Mere, formed into an ecclesiastical parish. The church of St. Martin is a Gothic stone building, erected in 1846: it has a nave and chancel; it is 75 feet long, and 22 feet wide, and will seat about 280 persons. The living is a perpetual curacy, value £230, with residence, in the gift of the vicar of Mere; and held by the Rev. Spencer Fellows, M.A., of Magdalen College, Cambridge. Here are four almshouses, erected and endowed by the late William Chafyn Grove, Esq., in memory of his mother. Here is a National school.

POST OFFICE.—Tom Smart, receiver. Letters delivered from Frome at 7 a.m.; dispatched at 7.13 p.m. *via* Bath. The nearest money order office is Mere
National School, Miss Mary Snelgrove, mistress
Congregational School, Miss Thersia Snook, mistress

CHADDENWICK is a tithing, with 21 inhabitants; **WOODLANDS**, a tithing, with 1,139; Woolverton, Bush Hayes, Manor House, Barrow Street, and Burton are adjacent places.

POST & MONEY ORDER OFFICE, Post Office Savings Bank & Government Insurance & Annuity Office.—Robert Randall, postmaster. Letters *via* Bath are delivered at 7.30 a.m.; dispatched at 6.45 p.m.
INSURANCE AGENT.—*Norwich Union*, Charles Card

PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS:—
Literary Institute & Reading Room, John Farley Rutter, secretary; John Cross, librarian
Local Board of Health, the managers are the Board of Guardians
Union Workhouse, John Joseph Humby, master; Mrs. Jane Humby, matron
PUBLIC OFFICERS:—
Clerk to the Guardians of the Mere Union, Henry Snook
Manager of Gas Works, John Farley Rutter
Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages for the Mere District, Valentine Heals Norris
Relieving Officer for the Mere Union, Valntin. Heals Norris
Sanitary Inspector for Mere Union, Valentine Heals Norris
Superintendent Registrar for Mere District, Henry Snook
Solicitor to the Property Protection Society, & Clerk to the Burial Board, John Farley Rutter

SCHOOLS:—
National, Geo. Athor, master; Miss Sarah Downton, mistress
British, Walter Walker, master; Miss Isabella Bremner, mistress

CARRIERS:—
 James Coward, from Mere to Frome, monday & thursday; returning wednesday & saturday
 Thomas Dore & Co.'s van leaves Mere daily for the Semley & Shaftesbury station, whence passengers, parcels & goods are forwarded per rail to London, Bristol &c.; goods also forwarded to all parts of Wilts, Dorset & Somerset
 John Norris, from Mere to Wincanton, on wednesday; to Warminster, on thursday; to Frome, on monday; to Shaftesbury, on saturday