

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

Sutton Thomas, shoe maker  
Thomas Mary (Mrs.), shopkeeper  
Thomas Robert, *Spotted Cow*

Wane Harry, shopkeeper  
Webb John, farmer  
Westall Edward, 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  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles south, 3 west from Shrivvenham station,  $7\frac{1}{4}$  from London, and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  east from Swindon station. The church of St. Mary Magdalene is a plain structure, partly in the Early English style, with traces of Norman: the font is a very perfect specimen of Norman; the arch at the west end is a very fine Gothic one, and the west window, in the tower, is a beautifully decorated Gothic. The register dates from the year 1539. The living is a chapelry, annexed, with that of Sevenhampton, to the vicarage of Highworth, and held by the Rev. James Charles Norman, M.A., of Magdalen College, Oxford; the Rev. William Henry

Bath, M.A., is curate. There is a Wesleyan chapel. A handsome National school has been erected at the cost of A. Bell, esq., who is lord of the manor and chief landowner. The crops are chiefly grass. The area is included with the parish of Highworth; the population in 1871 was 410.

Rowborough, a Roman settlement, is half a mile south-east.

*Parish Clerk*, William Stone.

Letters from Swindon; Stratton St. Margaret is the nearest money order office

WALL LETTER BOX cleared at 6.30 p.m.; sundays at 10.30 a.m.

*Parochial School*, Miss Mary Jane Jones, mistress

Bath Rev. Wm. Henry, M.A. [curate]  
Bell Alfred, Manor house  
COMMERCIAL.

Collins Manatha, farmer  
Cove Charles, tailor  
Fisher George, blacksmith  
Fisher Thomas, blacksmith  
Gosling Jonathan, farmer

Head Edward, shoe maker  
King Susan (Miss), farmer, Rookery frm  
Lewis Daniel, grocer & baker  
Painter John, beer retailer  
Pinching John, farmer  
Pinniger Charles, farmer, Hunt's copse  
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 Henry, farmer  
Whitfield Lancelot, farmer, Beerton frm  
Withers Henry, 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 (Dorset), and  $9\frac{1}{2}$  south-west-by-south from Salisbury. The church of St. Martin is an ancient structure in the Early English style, and consists of chancel, nave, north & 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, yearly value £220, with residence, in the gift of the vicar of South Damerham, and held by the Rev. John Harding. 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. There is a charity here, be-

queathed by the late William Talk, of 8s. per week to six poor and deserving persons in the parish. Eyre Coote, esq. (a minor), is lord of the manor. The principal landowner is the Rev. Edward Peacock. The soil is chalk and gravel; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, oats and barley. The area is 3,543 acres; gross estimated rental, £4,091; rateable value, £3,538; and the population in 1871 was 529.

TOYD FARM, with ALLENFORD, formerly extra-parochial, now form a parish near this place, with 23 inhabitants.

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

*Parish Clerk*, James Harris.

POST OFFICE.—John Titt, receiver. Letters arrive from Salisbury at 8.15 a.m.; dispatched at 4.30 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Cranborne

*National School*, Miss Elizabeth Melmoth, mistress

CARRIER TO SALISBURY.—Thomas Cannings, tuesdays & saturdays

Friend Martin Sweetapple  
Harding Rev. John [vicar]  
Waters Thomas, Tidpit  
Aldridge Matthew, farmer, Manor farm  
Blandford John, farmer, Tidpit  
Bracher Edward, grocer  
Bright Joseph, *White Hart*  
Dibben John, general dealer  
Dibben Thomas, bricklayer

Dove Charles, shoe maker  
Ford Edmund, farmer  
Ford John, farmer  
Martin Charles & Malachi, landowners & farmers  
Scammell James, carpenter, wheelwright, grocer & baker  
Street Amelia (Mrs.), farmer, shopkeeper & baker

Street William, farmer  
Sutton Thomas Blake, farmer  
Tasker George Stoneham, farmer  
Thompson Jane (Mrs.), *Coote's Arms*  
Titt John, shoe maker, & post office  
Waters George, farmer, Toyd farm  
White John, farmer & shopkeeper  
White Josiah, blacksmith

## MELKSHAM.

**MELKSHAM** is a market, union and county court town, polling-place for the Northern division of the county, station on the Wilts, Somerset, and Weymouth railway, and parish, in the hundred of the same name, diocese of Salisbury, archdeaconry of Wilts, and rural deanery of Potterne, 100 miles from London, 30 north-west from Salisbury, 6 north-east from Bradford, 5 north-east from Trowbridge, 7 west from Devizes,  $9\frac{1}{2}$  from Westbury, 14 from Warminster, 12 east from Bath, 7 south from Chippenham, and 5 south-south-east from Corsham.

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: it consists principally of one street, nearly a mile in length, which is well-paved and lighted with gas; the houses are well-built, of soft freestone, but irregularly placed. The river Avon passes through the town, and is crossed by a handsome bridge of four arches, with light and elegant balustrades. 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.

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, and are now little used.

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 chapelry of Earl Stoke annexed, joint yearly value £1,215, with residence, in the patronage of the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury, and held by the Rev. Matthew Wilkinson, D.D., of Clare College, Cambridge, Prebendary of Salisbury. The tithe rent-charge to the impropror 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, Wesleyan, and Primitive Methodists.

The Melksham union comprises the following places, viz.:—Hilperton, Littleton, Melksham, Seend, Semington, Shaw and Whitley, Trowbridge, and Whaddon. The Poor-House, a substantial stone building, is in the parish of Semington, about 2 miles south from the town.

Petty sessions are held by the Justices for Melksham division at the Town Hall on the first Friday in each month, and every Friday for criminal business.

A County court for the recovery of small debts is likewise held at the same place once in two months. The County court 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 freestone, in the Italian style.

The market is held on every alternate Tuesday in the

month for cattle, sheep and pigs. An annual fair for cattle, sheep and horses, is held in the Market place on the 27th of July.

Woollen manufactures, also the manufacture of flat and round ropes, haircloths, cocoa fibre and sacking are carried on here, and considerable business is done in malting.

Bruges' charity of about £20 yearly, half of which goes to Seend, is distributed in blankets by the vicar and churchwardens at Christmas. There are also two small charities, left by the Rev. Bohun Fox and Mr. Pritchard respectively, for the benefit of the poor, at the discretion of the vicar.

The trustees of the late R. P. Long, esq., are lords of the manor.

The area is 12,572 acres; gross estimated rental, £27,759 15s. 4d.; rateable value, £23,873 12s. 4d.; the population in the town in 1871 was 2,464, and in the parish 5,318.

BEANACRE and BLACKMORE are tithings.

Parish Clerk, Singer Stokes.

Sexton, Joseph W. Salter.

Official Establishments, Local Institutions, &c.

POST & MONEY ORDER & TELEGRAPH OFFICE,

Savings Bank & Government Annuity & Insurance Office, Bank Street.

Postmaster, Alexander Cochrane.

DISPATCH OF LETTERS.—Day Mail—London, Bath, Bristol, North of England, North Wales, Ireland & Scotland, 2.30 p.m. or by affixing an extra stamp till 2.40 p.m. Evening Mail—Salisbury, Dorset, South Wales & Hampshire, 7.15 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 7 a.m. Salisbury & Midland Counties 9 a.m. London (day mail), 3.25 p.m.

Money Order, Savings Bank, & Government Annuity business transacted daily from 9 a.m. till 6 p.m.; & on Saturdays from 9 a.m. till 8 p.m.

WALL BOX at Spa, Devizes road, Forest, Town bridge, & Beanacre

COUNTY MAGISTRATES.

Ralph Ludlow Lopes, esq. Sandridge park  
Wadham Locke, esq. Cleeve house, Seend  
William Speke, esq. Monks house, Corsham  
Henry Goddard Awdry, esq. Notton lodge, Lacock  
George Pargiter Fuller, esq. The Ridge, Corsham  
Thomas Jenkyns Heathcote, esq. Shaw Hill house  
Richard Ludlow Bruges, esq. Seend house  
Rev. Matthew Wilkinson, D.D. Vicarage, Melksham

The following places are included in the Petty Sessional Division of Melksham:—Melksham, with its tithings of Beanacre, Blackmore, Canhold, Shaw & Whitley, Shurnold & Woodrow, also Seend, Semington & Whaddon. Courts are holden at the Town Hall, Melksham, on the first Friday in each month & every Friday for criminal business, commencing at half-past 11 o'clock

Clerk, Philip Phelps

TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Justly Wm. Awdry  
Edward Lowry Barnwell  
Alexander Cochrane  
Edward Gane Flocks  
Arthur Gore  
Samuel Grose  
John Hunt  
Samuel Alexander Jefferys  
Jasper Rumboll King  
Robert Laine  
Charles Maggs  
John Howard Matravers

Thomas Matravers  
George Joseph Perry  
Philip Phelps  
Benjamin Shaul  
Henry Simpson  
Alexander Blucher Smith  
Alfred Stratton  
James Stratton  
John Tayler  
Rev. Matthew Wilkinson,  
D.D., J.P.

Clerk to the Commissioners, Arthur Gore, Lowbourne

MELKSHAM UNION.

Union house at Semington.

Chairman, William Perkins Clark, esq. Trowbridge  
Vice-Chairman, William Tayler, esq. Seend  
Guardians, Ex-Officio, Ralph Ludlow Lopes, esq. Sandridge park; Wadham Locke, esq. Seend; Thomas Jenkyns Heathcote, esq. J.P. Shaw hill; Rev. Matthew Wilkinson, D.D., J.P. Vicarage, Melksham; & Richard Ludlow Bruges, esq. J.P. Seend  
Clerk, Philip Phelps

POLICE.

The police force consists of an inspector & 7 constables, placed as follows:—an inspector & 2 constables at Melksham, & a constable each at Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Melksham Forest, Semington & Seend

INSURANCE AGENTS.

Alliance, G. Moule, Lowbourne  
Atlas, B. Shaul, Bank street  
County Fire, F. Smith, Bank street  
Hand-in-Hand, S. Badham  
Imperial, A. G. Smith, Canhold  
Law Union, A. B. Smith, Market place  
Liverpool & London & Globe, J. P. Berry, Bank street;  
S. Hinder, Market place; E. D. B. Locke, High street  
London, R. Laine, Market place  
London & Provincial Law, A. Gore, Lowbourne place  
Manchester Fire, T. Matravers, Market place  
National Provident, T. Palmer, North Wilts Bank  
Northern, J. Parker, Wilts & Dorset Bank  
Norwich & London Accident, A. G. Smith, Canhold  
Phoenix Fire, A. Coombe, Market place  
Provident Life, F. Smith, Bank street  
Railway Passengers, J. Parker, Wilts & Dorset Bank  
Royal, E. Eyres of Lacock  
Royal Farmers', J. C. Nosworthy, Bank street  
Sun, J. W. Awdry, Market place  
West of England, A. Cochrane, Bank street

PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS.

County Court, Camille Felix Desiré Caillard, esq. judge; George Edmund Wilcox, Calne, high bailiff; Alexander Blucher Smith, office, Market place, registrar; Jacob Redman Newman, Forest, assistant bailiff  
Melksham Rifle Corps (12th Wilts), Town hall. Justly William Awdry, esq. captain; John Evelyn Gladstone, sub-lieutenant; Sergeant Wm. Chilcott, drill instructor  
Station House, Market place, William Baldwin, inspector  
Town Hall & Cheese Market, Arthur Gore, sec. Market place  
Volunteer Fire Brigade, Market house, keys kept at police station & at Joseph Jones's, Lowbourne: Joseph Jones, Lowbourne, captain  
Odd Fellows' Lodge (Good Intent), 'George inn,' Joseph Gerrish, sec. Union street  
Foresters' Lodge, (Court Avon), 'Crown inn,' Alfred Buckland, sec.; E. R. Cork, sec. to juvenile branch  
Good Templars (Spa Lodge), Wesleyan school room, J. Beavan, sec

PUBLIC OFFICERS.

Clerk to Land Tax Commissioners, Charles George Moule, Lowbourne  
Clerk to Commissioners of Melksham Turnpike Trust, Arthur Gore, Lowbourne  
Clerk to Commissioners of Property Tax for Melksham Division & to the Melksham Union Sanitary Authority & to Deputy Lieutenants of Sub-Division of Melksham & Tinhead, Philip Phelps, Market place  
Commissioners for taking Affidavits in the Common Law Courts, Justly William Awdry, Market place; Alexander Blucher Smith, Market place; Alexander Gough Smith, Canhold  
Collector of Property, Land & Income Tax, Benjamin Shaul, Bank street  
Coroner's Officer, Inspector Wm. Baldwin, Police station

*Commissioners for Taking Acknowledgments of Married Women*, Justly William Awdry, Market place; Alexander Blucher Smith, Market place  
*Commissioner for Taking Oaths in Chancery*, Arthur Gore, Bank street  
*Medical Officer to Melksham Union Sanitary Authority*, George Joseph Perry, Canon house  
*Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages for Melksham Union*, Philip Phelps, Market place; *Deputy*, Alexander Cochrane, Bank street  
*Registrar of Births & Deaths for Melksham District*, Singer Stokes, Canhold; *Deputy*, Joseph W. Salter, High street  
*Registrar of Marriages for Melksham District*, Frederick Smith, Bank street; *Deputy*, Sidney Smith, Bank st  
*Relieving Officer for Melksham District*, Singer Stokes, Canhold  
*Sub-Distributor of Stamps*, Chas. Geo. Moule, Lowbourne  
*Town Crier*, Joseph Shepherd, King street  
*Assistant Overseer & Collector of Poor Rates*, John Peter Berry, Bank street  
*Bailiff of the Hundred & Manor of Melksham*, John George Collings, Outmarsh  
*Inspector of Weights & Measures for Melksham, Bradford & Trowbridge*, Superintendent White, Police station, Trowbridge  
*Inspector of Nuisances*, Charles Merrett, Market place  
*Inspector to Melksham Union Sanitary Authority*, Hugh Foskett Evans, Shumhold  
*Inspector of Police*, William Baldwin, Police station

## PLACES OF WORSHIP.

*St. Michael's Church*, Church street, Rev. Prebendary Matthew Wilkinson, D.D.; Rev. Arthur Lawrence Trotman, M.A. curate  
*Baptist Chapel*, Broughton road, Rev. Thomas French, minister

## PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Andrews Richard, Avon villa  
 Awdry Justly William, Thornbank ho  
 Barling Mrs. Spero lodge  
 Barnwell Rev. Edward Lowry, Melksham house  
 Bate Rev. Thos. [Wesleyan], Canhold  
 Beaven James, Rose cottage, Bower hill  
 Beaven Samuel, Avon villa  
 Blewitt Mrs. Coburg place  
 Bodman Benjamin, Mulberry cottage  
 Cliff Mrs. Bank street  
 Crook Miss, King street  
 Curnick Miss, Bath road  
 Curtis Miss, Shurnhold  
 Evans Hugh Foskett, Shurnhold  
 Everley Miss, Union street  
 Fowler Miss, Bank street  
 Fox Miss, Forest  
 French Rev. Thos. [Baptist], King st  
 George Thomas, Lowbourne  
 Gore Arthur, Giffords  
 Grose Samuel, Westbourne  
 Harris William, Grove cottage  
 Harrison Rev. Frederick, Long Leaze  
 Hervey Capt. Gerald Augustus Fredk. The Spa

## COMMERCIAL.

Abrahams Francis, farmer, Home farm, Sandridge  
 Adams Alfred, baker, Union street  
 Adams Charles, *Bear hotel & posting house*, Bank street  
 Allwood Gideon, boot & shoe maker, Bank street  
 Arter Sidney, beer retailer & brewer, Semington road  
 Arthur Charles, painter, glazier &c. Semington road  
 Awdry Justly William, solicitor &c. Market place  
 Baldwin William, inspector of police, Police station  
 Ball John, general dealer, Lowbourne  
 Barton Sarah Jane (Miss), corn factor & baker, Market pl  
 Barton William, boot maker, grocer &c. Lowbourne  
 Beaven & Son, boot & shoe makers, High street; & Market place, Chippenham  
 Beaven Batten, farmer, Bower hill  
 Berry John Peter, plumber, painter &c. Bank street  
 Bigwood William, smith & grocer, King street  
 Blake Henry, plumber, painter &c. King street  
 Blake William, carpenter, Coburg square  
 Bolton Sarah (Mrs.), lodging & eating house, King street  
 Boswell Mary (Miss), straw bonnet maker, King street  
 Buchanan William, tea dealer, City  
 Buckland Abraham, boot & shoe maker, Canhold  
 Buckland Alfred, *Crown inn*, Market place

*Ebenezer Chapel (Particular Baptist)*, Union street, Mr. Harry Pocock, minister  
*Baptist Chapel*, Beanacre, Rev. Thomas French, minister  
*Primitive Methodist Chapel*, Forest, ministers various  
*Baptist Chapel*, Forest, Rev. Thomas French, minister  
*Congregational Chapel*, Market place, Rev. William Mottram, minister  
*Friends Meeting House*, King street; registering officer, Henry Simpson  
*Wesleyan Chapel*, Market place, Rev. Thomas Bate & Rev. T. Payne, ministers

## SCHOOLS.

*Melksham National*, Churchyard, R. Matta, master; Miss Maria Hitchens & Miss Norris, mistresses  
*Sandridge National*, Miss Corf, mistress  
*British*, Lowbourne, Thomas George, master

## RAILWAY!

*Great Western*, station, Bath road, Alfred Matthews, station master; Mrs. Mary Steward, Bath road, goods agent; Henry Bown, parcel agent  
 Omnibus to & from the 'King's Arms,' to meet the arrival & departure of the trains

## CARRIERS.

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

## WATER CONVEYANCE.

BATH & BRISTOL—Boats leave the wharf, Devizes road, occasionally with goods

Hinder Cornelius M. Devizes road  
 Hunt John, Bank street  
 Jefferys Samuel Alexander, Coburg pl  
 Keevil Richard, Beechfield  
 King Jasper Rumbold, Lowbourne ho  
 Knapp James, Bath road  
 Locke Ernest Dalton Burrough, Shurnhold  
 Lopes Ralph Ludlow, J.P. Sandridge park  
 Lucas Arthur, Forest villa  
 Maggs Charles, Walnut villa  
 Manning Robert, Shurnhold  
 Matravers John Howard, Avon house  
 Matravers Mrs. W. Avon bridge  
 Matravers Thomas, Market place  
 Mottram Rev. William [Independent], Dent's house  
 Moule Charles George, The Spa  
 Moule Mrs. The Spa  
 New Mrs. Lowbourne  
 Newte Frederick Charles, Coburg place  
 O'Connor Charles Ferris, M.A. Belmont  
 Palmer Thomas, Bank house  
 Parker John, Market place  
 Payne Rev. Thos. [Wesleyan], Canhold  
 Perry George Joseph, Canon house  
 Perry Misses, Broughton road

Phelps Philip, Market place  
 Pocock Harry [Particular Baptist], Union street  
 Redman John, Lowbourne place  
 Sanders Charles, Canon square  
 Simpson Henry, High street  
 Simpson Misses, Cottingham villa  
 Simpson Mrs. R. Devizes road  
 Skinner Mrs. Shurnhold Leaze  
 Smith Alexander Blucher, Place house  
 Smith Alexander Gough, Coburg place  
 Smith Mrs. Agra house  
 Springbett Miss, Union street  
 Stewart Mrs. The Spa  
 Stratton James, Leaze cottage  
 Sturge Mrs. The Lawn  
 Tayler John, Avon house  
 Tayler William, Lowbourne  
 Trotman Rev. Arthur Lawrence, M.A. [curate], Gower house  
 Watts Mrs. Cottingham villa  
 Webb William, King street  
 Wheeler Mrs. Bower hill  
 Wicks Mrs. The Spa  
 Wilkinson Rev. Matthew, D.D., J.P. [prebendary of Salsbery], The Vicarage  
 Wise Nicholas V. Coburg place

Buckland John, house agent &c. Bank street  
 Bulgin Richard, carpenter, Lowbourne  
 Burgess Henry, baker & confectioner, High street  
 Butler Thomas, gunsmith, Union street  
 Butler William (Mrs.), farmer, Beanacre  
 Carpenter William, carpenter &c. King street  
 Chilcott William, sergeant instructor 12th Wilts R.C  
 Chivers Giles, pork butcher, City  
 Cleverly Henry John, watch & clock maker, Lowbourne  
 Cleverly William, plasterer &c. Union street  
 Cochrane Alexander, postmaster, printer, bookseller, book-binder, stationer, newspaper & advertising agent; deputy superintendent registrar & agent for the West of England  
 Fire & Life office, Bank street  
 Colbourne Nelson, plasterer &c. Lowbourne cottage  
 Colbourne William, plasterer &c. Canhold  
 Coleman Charles, butcher, King street  
 Collett Edward, farmer, Bower hill  
 Collett John, *Bell inn*, & brewer, Bath road  
 Collett William, butcher, Bath buildings  
 Collings John George, farmer &c. Outmarsh  
 Coombe Mary (Mrs.) & Son, grocers &c. Market place  
 Cooper Ellen (Miss), ladies school, Bank street  
 Cottle Charles, farmer, New Town

Cottle William, farmer, Conigre farm  
*County Court* (Alex. Blucher Smith, registrar), Market pl  
 Cress Elizabeth (Mrs.), greengrocer, City  
 Crook William, farmer, Beanacre  
 Curwick Thomas, farmer, Beanacre  
 Dancy Misses, farmers, Westlands  
 Dancy Thomas, farmer, Beanacre  
 Dark Stephen, plasterer &c. King street  
 Davis Abraham, boot & shoe maker, Bath buildings  
 Davis Ann (Miss), dress maker, Church street  
 Davis George, mason, Canhold  
 Davis Sarah Mary (Miss), dress maker, Ivy cottage  
 Davis William, boot & shoe maker, Church street  
 Deverall Christopher John, ironmonger &c. Church street  
 Deverall George, carpenter &c. Bower hill  
 Deverall John, plasterer &c. Lowbourn  
 Ellis Eliza (Mrs.), dress maker, Canhold  
 Escott James, poultryer &c. King street  
 Evans Hugh Foshett, sanitary inspector, Shurnhold  
 Fennell Hugh, farmer & woodman, Sandridge  
 Fennell Israel, baker & grocer, Sandridge  
*Fire Engine Station* (Joseph Jones, captain), Market  
 house, Lowbourn  
 Fooks Edward Gane, draper &c. High street  
 Flower Benjamin, poultryer &c. Woodrow  
 Fournier John, bicycle manufacturer &c. Coburg place  
 Fox Elizabeth Sarah (Miss), farmer, Forest  
 Franking Maria (Mrs.), coal merchant & grocer, Market pl  
 Franking Mary (Miss), stay maker, Union street  
 Fox John, farmer, Queenfield  
 Gale John, poultryer, Bath buildings  
*Gas & Coke Co.* (Benjamin Shaul, manager), Bank street  
 Gass & Co. drapers &c. High street  
 Gilbert John, engineer & millwright, manufacturer of im-  
 proved expansive & condensing steam engines for corn  
 mills, saw mills, factories &c. Melksham foundry  
 Goddard John Gibbons, farmer, Snarilton farm  
 Gore Arthur, solicitor, commissioner for oaths & affidavits,  
 attorney of the savings bank, clerk to the Town Com-  
 missioners, clerk to Melksham Turnpike Trust, secretary  
 to the Market Co. & agent to the London & Provincial  
 Law Life Office, Lowbourn  
 Gray George E. watch & clock maker, Bank street  
 Gray John, farmer, Sandridge  
 Gregory John, farmer, Sandridge  
 Grose Samuel, surgeon, Westbourne  
 Gunstone John, builder &c. Union street  
 Guy William, gardener, King street  
 Hammond George E. inland revenue officer, Market place  
 Harding Charles, pork butcher, Lowbourn  
 Harding Thomas, haulier, Lowbourn bridge  
 Harris Alfred, butcher, King street  
 Harris Thomas, butcher, Church street  
 Havel William B. draper & outfitter, High street  
 Hawkins William, farmer, Snarilton lane  
 Henly Emma (Miss), dress maker &c. Market place  
 Hinder Samuel, auctioneer & appraiser, Market place  
 Hiskens Eliza (Miss), baker, Canhold  
 Hughes Emma (Miss), shopkeeper &c. Old Broughton road  
 Humphries Mark, baker & grocer, Woodrow  
 Hunt & Hayter, tailors & woollen drapers, High street  
 Hunt Henry & John, maltsters, Canhold  
 Hurn James, carpenter &c. Bath road  
 Hutton Thomas & Son, cheesemongers & dealers, High street  
 Hsley William George, ironmonger, Bath buildings  
 Jarvis John, shopkeeper, King street  
 Jones Joseph & Son, smiths & wheelwrights, Lowbourn  
 Jones William & John, tallow chandlers & grocers, King st  
 Jones James, grocer &c. Forest  
 Jones Job, grocer &c. Bath road  
 Jones Joseph (Mrs.), draper & milliner, Market place  
 Jordan John (Mrs.), smith & farrier, Broughton road  
 Keen George, shopkeeper, Old Broughton road  
 Keen John, shuttle maker, Shurnhold  
 King Jasper Rumbold, surgeon, Lowbourn house  
 Knee Charles, boot & shoe maker, Bath road  
 Knee Charles, carpenter & wheelwright, Union street  
 Knee Elizabeth (Miss), boot & shoe maker, Church street  
 Knee James, manager of temperance hotel, King street  
 Laine Robert, chemist &c. Market place  
 Large Francis, boat builder, Semington road  
 Lewington Joshua, coal merchant & carman, King street  
 Lewington William, tailor, High street  
 Locke Ernest Dalton Burrough, solicitor, High street  
 Maggs & Son, hempen & cocoa nut fibre works  
 Maggs Charles, coal merchant, Melksham wharf  
 Manning Henry John, farmer, Woodrow  
 Mansfield Elizabeth (Mrs.), corn & meal factor, Bank street  
 Marchant John, boot & shoe maker, City  
 Martin George, beer retailer, Beanacre

Matravers John Howard, woollen manufactr. Avon bridge  
 Matthews Alfred, station master, Railway station  
*Melksham Agricultural Society* (Thomas Newman, hon.  
 sec.; Sidney Smith, collector)  
*Melksham Cottage Hospital* (Thomas Palmer, treasurer;  
 Thomas Matravers, hon. sec.), Lowbourn  
*Melksham Rifle Corps* (12th Wilts) (Capt. Justly Wm.  
 Awdry; Sub-Lieut. John Evelyn Gladstone), Town hall  
 Merrett Charles, inspector of nuisances, Market place  
 Miles Isaac, pastry cook & confectioner, High street  
 Milford Andrew, farm bailiff to R. L. Lopes, esq. J.P.  
 Manor farm, Sandridge  
 Mizen Emma (Miss), grocer &c. Bath road  
 Moule Charles George, solicitor &c. Lowbourn  
*Mutual Improvement Society* (William Carpenter, sec.),  
 Reading rooms, Bank street  
 Newman Jacob Redman, assistant county court bailiff, Forest  
 Newman James, butcher, Bank street  
 Newman Mrs. farmer, Forest  
 Newman Sarah (Mrs.), farmer, Bower hill  
 Newman Thomas, farmer, Crays marsh  
 Newton Henry Hewlett, cabinet maker &c. Lowbourn  
 Noad Joseph & James, farmers  
*North Wilts Banking Co.* (Thomas Palmer, managing  
 director), Bank street  
 Nosworthy Joseph Coumbe, dispensing chemist & agent for  
 Gilbey's wines & spirits & to the Royal Farmers' Fire &  
 Life Office, Bank street  
 Oatley Eli, engineer &c. Spa road  
 Oatley Jane (Miss), dress maker, King street  
 Oatley John, smith & farmer, King street  
 O'Connor Charles Terris, M.A. classical school, Belmont  
 Paisey Julia (Miss), dress maker, Chapel court  
 Palmer Thomas, managing director of North Wilts Bank,  
 Bank street  
 Parker John, manager of Wilts & Dorset Bank, Market pl  
 Parry Herbert, saddler & harness maker, Market place  
 Perrett James, farmer, Hack farm  
 Perrett William, greengrocer & pork butcher, High street  
 Perry George Joseph, surgeon, Canon house  
 Phelps Philip, land agent, clerk to the magistrates &c.  
 Market place  
 Pinnock John, beer retailer, King street  
 Pocock Harry, farmer, Seend Park farm  
 Pocock Josiah, farmer, Beanacre  
 Pulling George, hair dresser & perfumer, Bath buildings  
 Rawlings Jacob, farmer, Blackmore  
 Redman Frederick, farmer, Shurnhold  
 Reeves Frank, plumber, painter &c. Bath road  
 Reeves James, grocer &c. City  
 Reynolds William, currier & leather seller, King street  
 Richards Thomas, farmer, Bower hill  
 Ricketts Thomas, baker & grocer, City  
 Rison Jabez, outfitter & draper, Bath buildings  
 Roberts Thomas, professor & teacher of music & singing,  
 King street  
 Salter Alfred, toll collector, Lowbourn gate  
 Salter Joseph W. saddler & harness maker, High street  
 Sanders Charles, classical school, Canon square  
 Sartin Aquila (Mrs.), dress maker &c. Union street  
*Savings Bank* (Arthur Gore, actuary), Lowbourn  
 Sawtell Benjamin, wholsl. bedding manfr. Old Broughton rd  
 Sawyer Esther, farmer, Forest  
 Self Frederick, farmer, Bushey marsh  
 Self Isaac, farmer, Blackmore  
 Self Lot, farmer, Rhotteridge farm  
 Selman William R. tailor, Canon square  
 Seymour John, timber merchant  
 Shaul & Coombe, ginger beer makers &c. Avon bridge  
 Shaul Benjamin, confectioner & pastry cook, Bank street  
 Shepherd Giles, corn dealer, King street  
 Simpson Robert & Son, general & furnishing ironmongers  
 &c. implement agents, manufacturers of chaff cutters,  
 horse gear &c. High street  
 Smith Alexander Blucher, solicitor & registrar of county  
 court &c. Market place  
 Smith Alexander Gough, solicitor, commissioner for affi-  
 davits & agent to Imperial Fire Office & Norwich & Lon-  
 don Accident Association, Canhold  
 Smith Frederick, draper & hatter, Bank street  
 Smith Henry, broker &c. Bath road  
 Smith Sidney, deputy registrar of marriages, Bank street  
 Smith Thomas, chimney sweeper, King street  
*Somerset Coal Co.* (Samuel Wilcox, agent), Railway statn  
 Springford William, toll collector, Melksham gate  
 Staples William, farmer, Queenfield  
 Steward Mary (Mrs.), Great Western Railway goods agent,  
 Railway station  
 Stokes George, cabinet maker &c. King street  
 Stokes Singer, relieving officer, parish clerk &c. Canhold

Stratton & Son, wholesale & retail tea dealers, grocers, provision dealers &c. High street  
 Stratton James, jun. farmer, Halfway  
 Sturge Emma (Mrs.), ladies' school, The Lawn  
 Summer John, boot & shoe maker, Bath buildings  
 Summers James, *Unicorn inn*, Bath road  
 Tayler George, farmer, Woodrow  
 Tayler John, miller, corn merchant &c. Town mills  
 Tayler William, farmer, Townsend farm  
 Taylor & Dore, grocers &c. Bank street  
 Taylor Giles Henry, agent to Wiltshire Sack Hiring Co. Bank street  
 Taylor Thomas, carrier, Canon square  
*Temperance Hotel* (James Knee, manager), King street  
 Toone Sidney H. fishmonger & grocer, Old Broughton road  
*Town Hall & Cheese Market*, Market place  
 Townsend George, mason &c. Canhold  
*Tradesman's Society*, "*Crown inn*" (John Gunstone, secretary), Union street  
 Usher James, coach builder &c. Devizes road  
 Waight Edwin (Mrs.), milliner & dress maker, Bank street  
 Waight Elizabeth (Mrs.), news vendor, paperhanger &c. Lowbourne

Wall Henry Arthur, draper, grocer &c. High street  
 Watson James, farmer, Broughton road  
 Watson Thomas Trueman, baker & mealman, Market place  
 Webb Amos, mason &c. Beanacre  
 Webb James, beer retailer, Outmarsh  
 Webb Thomas, carpenter, builder &c. Market place  
 Webb William, mason &c. Beanacre  
 White Henry, tobacconist & brewer, Church street  
 Wilcox Samuel, coal merchant, Railway station  
 Willis John, *George inn*, Bank street  
 Wilton Cordelia (Mrs.), corn dealer, & wine & spirit merchant, Bank street  
*Wilts & Dorset Bank* (branch of) (John Parker, manager), Market place; draw on London & Westminster Bank  
*Wilts Friendly Society* (Singer Stokes, steward), Canhold  
 Wilts Thomas, *Red Lion inn*, & mason, City  
*Wiltshire Sack Hiring Co.* (Giles Henry Taylor, agent), Bank street  
 Winslow John, grocer & bacon factor, Bank street  
 Woodman Walter W. plumber, painter &c. Church street  
 Wooten James, farmer, Sandridge  
 Young George, grocer &c. High street

**MERE** is a market and union town and parish, in the Southern division of the county, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, rural deanery of Wylve, Mere hundred, Hindon petty sessional division, and county court district of Shaftesbury, 23 miles west-by-north from Salisbury, 102 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 town is lighted with gas: the works were erected in 1866. The church of St. Michael the Archangel is a stone building: the eastern part of the church is separated by a beautifully carved oak screen: 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, with clock, playing the chimes, is at the west end; 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, yearly value £400, 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 large British school, with class rooms attached, supported by voluntary contributions and the Government grant; also chapels for the Primitive Methodists, the Society of Friends, and the Independents, the latter a large and handsome Gothic structure, erected at a cost of over £5,000, at the sole expense of Charles Jupe, esq., built of local, Bath, and Ham Hill stone. 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 workhouse is in Castle street. The market is on Tuesday; and annual fairs are held on the 17th of May and the 10th of October. In the Market place was formerly a market house of great antiquity; the same being in a dilapidated state it was found necessary to raze it; on the site of which was erected, in 1866, at the expense of H.R.H. Duke of Cornwall, an illuminated clock tower. Silk throwing is carried on here, employing about 300 hands. The charities amount to £169 yearly. 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. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, is lord of the manor. The principal landowners are H.R.H. Duke of Cornwall, Miss Grove, Meyrick Bankes, esq., and Sir Henry A. Hoare, bart. The soil is various, clay, chalk, and flint; subsoil, chalk and gravel. The chief crops are wheat, beans and oats, north; and on the south of the town (which is principally clay), fine grazing land. 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 parish contains 7,355 acres; gross estimated rental £13,246;

rateable value, £11,627 19s.; and the population in 1871 was 1,382, exclusive of the tithings, and in the whole parish, 3,161.

*Parish Clerk*, Frederick Cross.

CHADDENWICKE is a tithing, with 29 inhabitants, 1½ miles north-east; WOODLANDS, a tithing, 1 mile south, with 1,197; Woolverton, Bush Hayes, Manor House, Barrow Street, and Burton are adjacent places.

**Zeals** is a tithing of Mere, to the west, and was formed, in 1848, into an ecclesiastical parish. The church of St. Martin is a Gothic stone building, erected in 1846; it has chancel and nave, with south entrance porch: the chancel is paved with encaustic tiles, on the north of the chancel is an organ-chamber, built in 1874, containing an organ erected in memory of the late W. Chafyn Grove; there are four stained windows to his memory, three of which were erected by his tenants; the church is seated with open benches, and will hold 280 persons. The living is a rectory, yearly value £300, with residence, in the gift of the vicar of Mere, and held by the Rev. Leonard Ramsay Henslow, M.A., of St. John's College, Cambridge. Here is a National school, with class rooms and residence attached; a Congregational chapel, and a school carried on therewith; and a chapel for Primitive Methodists. Here are four almshouses, erected and endowed by the late William Chafyn Grove, esq., in memory of his mother. Miss Grove is owner of the manor and the principal part of the land. The area is 1,540 acres, and the population in 1871 was 554.

*Parish Clerk*, James Forward.

**POST OFFICE**.—Tom Smart, receiver. Letters *via* Bath, arrive at 6.15 a.m.; dispatched at 7 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Bourton, & the nearest telegraph office, Mere

**SCHOOLS**:—

*National*, Mrs. Mary Mees, mistress

*Congregational*, Mrs. Kate Duffield, mistress

**POST, MONEY ORDER & TELEGRAPH 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 AGENTS**:—

*Norwich Union*, E. A. Card

*Whittington Life*, G. King

**PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS**:—

*Local Board of Health*, the managers are the Board of Guardians

*Union Workhouse*, Herbert Samuel Lance, master; Mrs. Elizabeth Lance, matron

**PUBLIC OFFICERS**:—

*Clerk to the Guardians of the Mere Union*, Ernest Baker

*Medical Officer of Health*, Wilton Provis, M.D

*Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages for the Mere District*, Valentine Heals Norris; *Deputy*, Robert Randall

*Relieving Officer & Sanitary Inspector for Mere Union*, Valentine Heals Norris

*Superintendent Registrar for Mere District*, Ernest Baker

*Clerk to the Burial Board*, John Farley Rutter