



Post Office Directory Extract 1875



Chittoe

Chittoe is an ecclesiastical parish, consisting of the tithing of Chittoe, Sandy Lane, formerly a portion of Bishop's Cannings, and portions of the parishes of Bromham, Calne and Chippenham, in the Northern division of the county, Potterne and Cannings hundred, union, petty sessional division and county court district of Devizes, diocese of Salisbury, archdeaconry of Wilts and rural deanery of Avebury, 5 miles north from Devizes.

St Mary's church was erected in 1845. It is built of stone, in the Early English style, and the sittings are all free. It has a chancel, nave and north transept, and 1 bell. The register dates from the year 1845. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £160, in the gift of Major John W G Spicer, J.P., and held by the Rev. Charles Hall Raikes, M.A., of Oriel College, Oxford.

Here is a National school for girls and boys, supported entirely by Major John W G Spicer, J.P.; also a Primitive Methodist chapel; there is a Baptist chapel at Sandy Lane.

Spye Park, the seat of Major John W G Spicer, J.P., Wans and Nonsuch, also Sloperton (formerly the residence of the late Thomas Moore, the poet) are within this parish. Westbrook Cottage is the property and residence of Mrs Gaby.

Major John W G Spicer, J.P., of Spye Park, who is lord of the manor, Capt. C H Wyndham, J.P., the Rev. Meredith Brown, and Mrs Gaby, are principal landowners.

The soil is red sand; subsoil, ironstone. The land is chiefly pasture.

The area of Chittoe tithing is 1,100 acres; gross estimated rental, £1,546; rateable value, £1,423; and the population in 1871 was 212. The area of the whole parish is 1,700 acres, and population 691.

PARISH CLERK, Henry Rudman.

LETTERS through Chippenham, via Lacock. The nearest money order office is at Lacock.

Private Residents

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|---------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Beville | Henry | Col. C.B. | | Sloperton |
| Gaby | | Mrs | | Westbrooke Cottage |
| Gwatkin | John Reynolds | | | Nonsuch House |
| Perrett | William | | | |
| Raikes | Charles Hall | Rev. M.A. | Vicar | |
| Spicer | John William Gooch | J.P. | | Spye Park |
| Wyndham | Charles Henry | Capt. | | Wans House |

Commercial

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|----------|---------------|-------|---------------------|----------------|
| Absolom | James | | Miller | |
| Amor | Henry | | Shopkeeper | |
| Breach | Moses | | Farmer | |
| Butler | Francis Henry | | Farmer | |
| Mitchell | John | | Farmer | |
| Rawlings | William | | | <i>New Inn</i> |
| Webb | Jacob | | Farmer | |
| Wootton | Stephen | | Farmer | |