



# Post Office Directory Extract 1875



## Earl Stoke or Erlestoke

**Earl Stoke (or Erlestoke)** is a parish, and small and very pretty village, in the Northern division of the county, Melksham hundred, Devizes union and county court district, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, and rural deanery of Wylve, 3 miles west from Market Lavington, and 7 north-east from Westbury.

The church of St Margaret is a small old stone building, in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave, porches and a tower containing 5 bells, and stands within the demesne of Earl Stoke Park. The register dates from the year 1681. The living is a chapelry attached to the vicarage of Melksham. The Rev. Matthew Wilkinson, D.D., late fellow of Clare College, Cambridge, is the vicar, and the Rev. Alfred Sells, M.A., of West Lavington, is the officiating minister.

Earl Stoke Park is the seat of Simon Watson Taylor, esq., J.P. The mansion is a noble stone structure in the Roman style, occupying an elevated position, facing the north, and commands an extensive view of the woodland scenery. At the rear is the long range of hills of Salisbury Plain. The park is very extensive, well timbered, and stocked with deer. It contains eight lakes with cascades.

Simon Watson Taylor, esq., is lord of the manor and principal landowner.

The soil is green sand; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat.

The area is 2,400 acres; gross estimated rental, £2,706; and the population in 1871 was 343.

PARISH CLERK                      James Oram

POST OFFICE                      Miss Eliza Sloper                      Receiver

Letters by messenger through Westbury, are delivered at 8.30 am., & dispatched at 5.30 pm.; 9.45 am. on Sundays. Market Lavington is the nearest money order office.

NATIONAL SCHOOL              Mrs Martha Planner                      Mistress

### Private Resident

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Taylor	Simon Watson	J.P.		Earl Stoke Park

### Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Allen	Robert & William		Farmers	Pudnell farm
Brown	John		Bricklayer	
Carey	Francis		Farmer	
Cooper	William		Farmer	
Hobbs	Edward		Shopkeeper	
Perrett	Richard		Carpenter	
Sumners	John		Blacksmith	
Tyler	William			<i>George &amp; Dragon</i>
Willis	John		Boot maker	