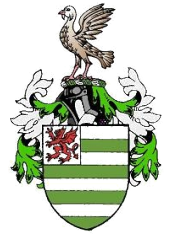




Post Office Directory Extract 1875

Great Chalfield



Great Chalfield is a parish in the Northern division of the county, hundred, union, petty sessional division and county court district of Bradford, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury and rural deanery of Potterne, situated 3 miles north-east from Bradford, 3 west from Melksham, 3½ from Trowbridge, about 1½ from Holt station and 9 from Bath.

The church of St Catherine, a small ancient structure, consists of a chancel and nave, and has a steeple containing 1 bell at the western end of the building. A handsome screen separates the chancel from the nave, and the east window is filled with stained glass. The parish register commences in the year 1545; it has been kept in exact order down to the present time. The living is a rectory, yearly value £164, in the gift of The Dowager Lady Burrard, and held by the Rev. Robert Parker Little, B.A., of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.

The old Manor House is said by Walker ("Examples of Gothic Architecture") to be one of the most interesting specimens of Domestic Gothic architecture in England. It was built in the reign of Henry VI (about 1460) by Thomas Tropnell. The barns and farm buildings on the right were built in Queen Elizabeth's time. It is now converted into a farm residence.

Within a century, the last descendant of Thomas Tropnell, an only son, being at man's estate, died by an accident while hunting. He put a pair of dog-couples over his head, and leaping a hedge, the end of the couple caught in a bough, and kept him from the ground till he was strangled. The motto of the family was, "Le joug tyra bellement" (**The yoke drew well**) ----sadly prophetic of the end of the last of this ancient and wealthy family.

The Dowager Lady Burrard is lady of the manor.

The soil is loam; subsoil, clay. The land is chiefly used for corn and pasture.

The parish contains 710 acres of arable and pasture land; gross estimated rental, £1,058; rateable value, £999; and a population in 1871 of 31.

LETTERS through Trowbridge. The nearest money order offices are at Holt, Bradford & Melksham, equi-distant.

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Coles	Jeremiah Isaac		Farmer	
Spackman	William		Farmer	