



Kelly's Directory of Wiltshire Extract 1867

Great Somerford



GREAT SOMERFORD is a parish and pleasant village, in the Northern division of the county, Malmesbury county court district, hundred, parliamentary borough and union; diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, archdeaconry of Bristol, and rural deanery of Malmesbury North, distant 9 miles west from Wootton Bassett, 7 north from Chippenham, 4 south-east from Malmesbury, and 89 from London, situate on the banks of the river Avon. The church of SS. Peter and Paul, a Norman structure, has a square embattled tower and 4 bells; the interior consists of a nave and chancel. The living is a rectory, value £450 per annum, including the glebe land and residence, in the patronage of Exeter College, Oxford, and held by the Rev. William Andrews, B.D. Here is a small school, supported by donations. The principal landowners are William Beak, Esq., Henry Smith Pyke, Esq., Mrs. Birtill, and J. P. Poole, Esq. The soil is various. The chief crops are wheat, barley and roots. The area is 1,770 acres, and the population in 1861 was 532.

STURTLEY, STARTLEY, or STARKLEY, is a hamlet, one mile west; DOWNFIELD is half a mile south.

Parish Clerk, Thomas Gibbs.

POST OFFICE.—Charles Giddings, receiver. Letters through Chippenham, arrive at 4.20 a.m.; dispatched at 9.20 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Malmesbury

School, Miss Parsloe, mistress

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Andrews	William	Rev. B.D.	rector	
Beak	William	esq		
Beak	William jun.	esq		
Pyke	Henry Smith	esq.		Brook farm

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Baker	Robert		farmer	
Barnes	Benjamin			<i>Volunteer</i>
Beak	William		farmer	
Beak	William E. jun.		farmer	
Cotterell	John		farmer	
Curtis	Henry		farmer & shopkeeper	Startley
Freeth Brothers			farmers	
Gibbs	Thomas		butcher & shopkeeper	
Higgs	Daniel		blacksmith	
Hill	John		district road surveyor	
Hunt	John		blacksmith	

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Knapp	Charles		farmer	Startley
Knapp	Francis		& bricklayer	<i>Masons' Arms</i>
Knapp	Thomas		farmer	Grove farm, Startley
Lea	David		mason	
Lewis	James		wheelwright & carpenter	
Moore	Samuel		shopkeeper	
Parsloe	Alfred		brewer	
Parsons	William		shoe maker	
Pearse	Henry		seedsman	
Poole	John		farmer	
Poole	John P.		farmer	Downfield, farm
Porter	Benjamin		butcher & shopkeeper	
Porter	John		butcher	
Pyke	Mary & Fanny	Misses	farmers	Brook farm
Reeves	William & Sarah		farmers	Startley
Sealy	Wellington		farmer	
Simmonds	Robert		farmer	
Sloper	Ruth & Thomas		farmers	
Tanner	Lewin		boot & shoe maker	
Turtle	Thomas		bailiff to Mrs. Birtill	farm
Williams	Jane	Mrs.	ladies' school	
Williams	William		tailor	