



Kelly's Directory Extract 1898

Great Somerford



GREAT SOMERFORD is a parish and pleasant village, on the river Avon, with a station on the Malmesbury branch of the Great Western railway, 7 miles north from Chippenham, 4 south-east from Malmesbury and 89 from London, in the North Western division of the county, Malmesbury union, petty sessional division, county court, district and hundred, and in the rural deanery of Malmesbury and archdeaconry and diocese of Bristol. About 1 mile north of the village is the branch of the Great Western railway from Woottons Bassett to the Severn Tunnel. The church of St. Michael and All Angels is a building of stone in the Perpendicular style, consisting of chancel, nave of four bays, north aisle, south porch, organ chamber, and an embattled tower containing 4 bells: the chancel has some wall decorations on the north side: the stained east window was presented by the late Miss Mary Pike; another, on the north side, by Mr. Stephen Demainbray, in memory of his father, the Rev. Stephen George Francis Triboudet Demainbray M.A. rector of this parish, 1799-1854, astronomer to George III at Richmond, Whitehall preacher and chaplain to the King; he died 6 July, 1854; and in the nave is a window erected by W. E. Beak esq. to his parents: a brass eagle lectern was placed in the church in 1888 as a memorial to the Rev. William Andrews, late rector: the church was restored in 1867, and affords 250 sittings. The registrar dates from the year 1700. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £400, including 291 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of Exeter College, Oxford, and held since 1888 by the Rev. Francis Hardwicke Manley M.A. of that college. Here is a Primitive Methodist chapel, originally erected in 1872 as a free library; there is also a Primitive Methodist chapel at Startley. Sir Henry Bruce Meux bart. J.P. of Dauntsey Manor, Mrs. H. Birtill, William Hanks and J. P. Poole esqrs. Mrs. J. Birtill, are the principal landowners. The soil is loamy; subsoil, gravel. The land is chiefly in pasture. The area is 1,653 acres; rateable value, £2,716; the population in 1891 was 530.

Startley, or Starkeley, is a hamlet, 1 mile west.

Parish Clerk, Thomas Gibbs.

Post, M. O. & T. O., T. M. O., S. B. Express Delivery, Parcel Post- & Annuity & Insurance Office.—Lewin Tanner, sub-postmaster. Letters through Chippenham arrive at 4 a.m. & 2.38 p.m.; dispatched at 10.55 a.m. & 9.20 p.m Wall Letter Box, Startley, cleared at 7.10 a.m. p.m

G.W.R. Station, Stephen Egbert Emery, station master

National School (mixed), to hold 100 children; average attendance, 76; Miss Mary Ann Carter, mistress

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|-------------|-------------------|----------|---------------------|--------------|
| Cattarns | Richard | | | The Villa |
| Charrington | | Mrs. | | Manor house |
| Hearth | John E. | | | Sunnybank |
| Manley | Francis Hardwicke | Rev M.A. | | Rectory |
| Parsloe | Henry Heath | | | |
| Sealy | S | Mrs. | | |
| Vines | Charles | | | West street |

Commercial

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|-----------|------------------|-------|---|--|
| Alexander | Walter | | coal & artificial manure mer. (John Day, manager) | Railway station; & at Malmesbury & Tetbury |
| Ayliff | Mordecai | | shopkeeper | |
| Barnes | William | | | Masons' Arms P.H |
| Barton | Benjamin | | farmer | Startley |
| Cockey | L. | Mrs | | ladies' school |
| Cottle | John | | farmer | Startley |
| Crew | Henry | | farmer | Startley |
| Cole | James H. | | farmer | Brook farm |
| Curtis | Louie | Miss | dressma. | Startley |
| Dee | Charles | | farmer | |
| Eatwell | Mary Ann | Mrs. | farmer | Church farm |
| Emery | Stephen E. | | station master | |
| Fisher | Samuel | | coal & manure mer. (Dvd. Barnes, man.) | Railway statn |
| Franklin | William | | | Volunteer inn |
| Gibbs | Thomas | | butcher & shopkeeper | |
| Hunt | Francis | | harness maker | |
| Knapp | Edwin | | farmer | Startley |
| Knight | Edward | | farmer | New Leaze fm |
| Lewis | William Shipton | | blacksmith | |
| Martin | George | | carpenter | Startley |
| Matthews | James | | farmer | Grove farm |
| Miles | Simeon | | shopkeeper | |
| Notton | Mary | Mrs. | frmr. | Downfield |
| Parsons | William | | shoe maker | |
| Pearce | Henry | | seedsman | |
| Poole | John Parsloe | | farmer | |
| Porter | Benj. | | butcher & cattle dealer | |
| Porter | Sidney | | farmer | Startley |
| Reeves | William | | farmer | Startley |
| Reynolds | William | | farmer | Startley |
| Sellars | Adolphus William | | wheelwright | |
| Tanner | David | | mason | Startley |
| Tanner | Lewin | | boot & shoe ma. | Post off |
| Tanner | Robert | | corn factor | The Mount |