



Post Office Directory Extract 1939



Hankerton

Hankerton is a village and parish, 4 miles west from Minety station on the Swindon and Gloucester section and 4 north-east from Malmesbury terminal station on a branch of the Great Western railway, in the Chippenham division of the county, rural district, hundred, petty sessional division, county court district and rural deanery of Malmesbury, archdeaconry of Swindon and diocese of Bristol.

The church of the Holy Cross is an ancient fabric of stone in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, added in 1906, nave, south porch and a fine lofty western tower containing 4 bells. There are sittings for 190 persons. The register dates from the year 1699. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £305, with residence and 9¼ acres of glebe, in the gift of the Bishop of Bristol, and held by the Rev Edgar Packer, M.A., of Oxford University.

The charities amount to £12 yearly.

The Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire is lord of the manor and the principal landowner.

The soil is sandy and loamy; subsoil, clay and flints.

The parish consists chiefly of pasture lands. The area is 2,203 acres; the population in 1931 was 240.

Cloatley is a tithing half a mile east. **Bishoper**, 2 miles west.

POST OFFICE Letters through Swindon. Charlton is the nearest M O & T office.

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Craven	Thomas Leslie	Capt.		Hankerton Priory
Packer	Edgar	Rev, M.A.	Vicar	The Vicarage

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Blizzard	Wilfred		Farmer	Church Farm
Branston	James		Farmer *	Hankerton Field Farm
Carter	George H		Farmer	Dolmans Farm
Chamberlain	Frank		Farmer *	Brook Farm
Chivers	Joseph		Farmer	Rookery Farm
Greenslade	Oliver		Farmer	Cloatley, Minety
Hislop	Arthur		Farmer *	Manor Farm
Musty	Eliza Beatrice	Mrs	Shopkeeper & Post Office	
Painter	Ernest		Smallholder	Yew Tree Farm
Sheppard	William G		Farmer	Common End Farm
Tugwell	Frederick Charles		Cowkeeper	Elm Farm
West	Edward		Farmer *	Bishoper
Worster	Alfred		Farmer	Laurel Farm

- Denotes farms of 150 acres or more.