



Swindon & District Directory Extract 1928



Lacock

A large village in the Chippenham Division of Wilts, Union, Petty Sessional Division and County Court District of Chippenham, and Diocese of Bristol. Lacock is 3 miles from Melksham and Corsham and 4 from Chippenham. The Parish Church is dedicated to St. Cyriac. It is of considerable size, cruciform in shape, with a western tower and squire, the former of the fourteenth century, and was converted into a mortuary chapel for Sir William Sharington who died in 1553. The chancel has been restored as a memorial to W. H. Fox Talbot, of Lacock Abbey, to whose discoveries and labors the art of photography in a great measure owes its origin and early development. The register of the church dates from 1559. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £250, with residence and seven acres of glebe. Lacock Abbey, the residence of Miss M. T. Talbot, was founded by Ela, Countess of Salisbury, in 1232, for Augustinian Canonesses. After the dissolution of monasteries the property was sold by Henry VIII to William Sharington who converted the building into a dwelling house. The architectural remains consist of the principal buildings of the Abbey – the cloisters, the sacristy, the chapter house, the warming house &c. The building is of great interest to archaeologists and others. By payment of a small fee visitors are conducted over the exterior parts of the Abbey. There are Wesleyan and Congregational Chapels, and an Oddfellows Hall, holding 300 persons. There is also a Reading Room and Rifle Range situated in Cantax Hill, erected in 1908 to the memory of the late Michael Llewellyn Palmer, youngest son of Mr. G. Ll. Palmer, late of Lackham House. The principal landowners are Miss M. T. Talbot, Capt. H. Paton Holt, M.P., and Sir John Gladstone. Area, 3,676 acres; rateable value; agricultural land, £5,629; buildings £4,620. Population in 1921, including the hamlets of Bowden Hill and Notton, 1019. Letters arrive through Chippenham and are despatched at 10.55 a.m. and 1.40 and .15 p.m. There is a Money Order and Telegraph Office in the village and a Great Western Railway Halt ten minutes walk from the village.

BOWDEN HILL is an ecclesiastical parish, formed in 1863 out of the parish of Lacock. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £125, the gift of Sir John Gladstone. Letters arrive through Chippenham and the letter box is cleared at 9.40 a.m. and 6.45 p.m.

SANDY LANE. Letters arrive through Chippenham, and are despatched at 9 a.m. and 6.10 p.m. Bromham is the nearest Money Order and Telegraph Office.

CLERGY – Lacock, Rev. C. R. Gott; Bowden Hill, Rev. T. V. Southey.

POSTMASTER – H. L. Potter.

SCHOOLMISTRESS – Mrs. M. Murray.

SCHOOLMASTER – H. Hill.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Alford	F.			
Ash	W. A.			Cuckoo Bush Farm
Attwood	W. H.			
Awdry	C. L.	Mrs.		Notton Lodge
Ball	W.		Road Foreman	
Bannerman	J.		Head Gardener	Lackham Gardens
Binney	R. C.			The Grange
Bird	F. G.			Cantax Hill
Bird	W.			Bewley Cottage
Blackwell	J.			Ray Mill House
Burt	W. H.	Capt.		The Red House
Cole	T.			Ray Bridge
Cole	W.			Ray Bridge
Courridge	W. F.			Grove House
Cowling	W.			High Street

Croker	Frederick			The Wharf
Doel	A. W.			Bowden Hill Farm
Donner	C.	Hon. Mrs.		Bowden
Dunn	E. S.			Bowden Hill
Edwards	A. T.			Ray Bridge
Elmes	H.			Notton
Estcourt	K.	Miss		The Porch House
Fennell	W. H.		Rating Officer, Assessor & Collector of Taxes	
Fleming	H. S.	Col.		The Mead
Fortune	W.		Head Gardener	Lacock Abbey
Gerrish	G.			East Street
Gillow	R.			Bewley Lane
Gladstone	John	Sir		Bowden Park
Goodwin	J. C.			Bowden Cottage
Gott	C. R.	Rev.		The Vicarge
Greaves				Lackham Farm
Gregory	C.			Lackham Lodge
Gregory	Ellen			Near The Wharf
Guley	W. T. G.			Wick Farm
Hall	J.		Head Gardener	Bowden
Hamilton	A. D.	Dr.		Bridge Cottage
Hankey		Mrs.		Notton House
Hill	H.			School House
Hodgson	P. F.			East Street
Holt	H. P.	Capt., M.P.		Lackham House
Hopkins	T. H.	Mrs.		The Folly
Horton	K.			Wray Croft
Horwood	J.			West Street
Hughes	A.			Nethermore Farm
Hunt		Mrs.		High Street
Jackson		Lieut.-Col., M.A.		Axford's Patch
Jackson	T. L.			Stroud Farm
Jefferies	J. G.			Bowden Hill
Jones	R. T.			Nethercote Hill
King	G. F.			Showell Farm
Light	E.		Gamekeeper	Bowden Hill
Murray	M.	Mrs.	Schoolmistress	
Newman	J. J.			Manor Farm
Newton	G. E.			Notton
Pegler	F.			Ray Bridge
Potter	H. J.			Bowden Hill
Pullen	E.	Mrs.		Church Street
Read	H. G.			Rowden Farm
Ring	M.	Mrs.		West Street
Self	W.			Whitehall Farm
Shippard		Lady		Church Street
Smart	T.			Church Street
Taylor	G.			Church Street
Wicks	F. H.			The Bridge

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Austin	J.	Mrs.	Butcher	
Banks	F.		Pig & Cattle Dealer	
Banks	W.		Mason	
Beer	A.		Publican	George Inn
Brinkworth	E.		Meal & Corn Stores	
Butcher-Humphries	I. M.	Miss	Publican	Rising Sun Inn, Bowden Hill
Butler	C. J.		Coffee Tavern	
Chivers	A.		Milk Seller	Near the Wharf

Chivers	F.		Milk Seller	Near the Wharf
Collett	W.		Butcher	High Street
Dewey		Miss	Grocer & Draper	Church Street
Edmonds	W.		Tailor	East Street
Edwards	J.		Painter & Plumber	
Fennell	A. H.		Woodman	
Fennell	H.		Wood Merchant & Hurdle Maker	
Foley	R. H.		Estate Agent	Tower House
Fry		Mrs.	Farmer	Ray Bridge Farm
Gale	W. J.		Publican	Carpenters Arms Inn
Haines	F.		Farmer	Catridge Farm
Harrison	E. J. F.		Publican	Red Lion Hotel
Hopkins	R. P. H.		Garage Proprietor	The Oaks Garage
Jones	F. G.		Builder & Contractor	High Street
Jones	R.		Mason	East Street
Ring	J	& Sons	Blacksmiths	
Selman		Miss.	Beer Retailer	Bowden Hill
Selman	T. G.		Mason	West Street
Selman	W.		Mason	Chapel Hill
Simco	M.	Miss	Grocer & Draper	
Tanner	R. E. S.		Miller	Ray Mill
Taylor	H.		Farmer	Notton
Taylor	W.		Coal Merchant	
Webb	A.		Plumber & Glazier	
Webb	W.		Gardener	Bowden Hill
Wiltshire	H.		Carpenter	West Street