



# Kelly's Directory Extract 1911

## West Overton



**West Overton** is a township and village in the parish of Overton, on the river Kennet, and on the road from Marlborough to Bath, 4 miles west from Marlborough terminal station on a branch of the Great Western railway and also Marlborough station on the Midland and South Western Junction railway, in the Eastern division of the county, petty sessional division of Marlborough and Ramsbury, Marlborough union and county court district, Selkley hundred, rural deanery of Avebury (Cannings portion), archdeaconry of Wilts, and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St. Michael, rebuilt in 1878 in the Early Decorated style. Consists of chancel, nave of three bays, north aisle, porch and an embattled western tower with pinnacles, containing 6 bells: most of the windows are stained: there are 350 sittings. The register dates from 1695. The living is a vicarage, with that of Fyfield annexed, joint net yearly value £412, with residence and 6 acres of glebe, in gift of Alexander Taylor esq. of Manton House, and held since 1899 by the Rev. Henry Tootell M.A. of University College, Oxford. A Primitive Methodist Chapel was erected here in 1901. The principal landowners are the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery P.C., G.C.V.O. and Alexander Taylor esq. of Manton, who are lords of the manor. The soil is clay; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and turnips. The area is 4.041 acres; rateable value, £2.781; the population of West Overton in 1911 was 515.

LOCKERIDGE, or East Overton, is a hamlet or tithing 3½ miles west from Marlborough station and 1 mile east from West Overton. Lockeridge House, an ancient brick mansion, is the property and residence of Henry Rycroft Giffard esq. J.P.

Parish Clerk and Sexton, John Waite.

Post, M.O. & T. Office – Mrs. Louisa Smith, sub-postmistress. Letters received through Marlborough at 7.15 a.m. & 4.30 p.m.; sundays, 8.55 a.m.; dispatched at 10.35 a.m. & 7.10 p.m.; sundays, 10.40 a.m.

Post, M.O. & T. Office, Lockeridge – William Kimmer, sub-postmaster. Letters through Marlborough arrive at 7.15 a.m. & 3.50 p.m.; sundays at 8 a.m.; despatched at 10.40 a.m. & 7.15 p.m.; sundays at 11 a.m. West Overton is the nearest telegraph office, x mile distant.

Elementary Schools for Overton & Fyfield were erected in 1874 at a cost of £1,200, raised by voluntary subscriptions, with house for master, for 140 children, viz. 90 boys & girls (mixed) & 50 infants; average attendance, 100; Frederick William Telling, master.

CONVERANCE. Great Western Railway road motor car service between Marlborough & Calne, twice each way daily (except sundays).

### Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Giffard	Henry Rycroft	J.P.		Lockeridge House
Groves	Thomas John			The Gables
Stratton		Mrs.		The Old manor
Tootell	Henry, M.A.	Rev.		Vicarage

### Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Brown	Charles		Farm bailiff to Mr. S.	Shaw farm

			Compton	
Butler	William James		School Attendance Officer	
Cook	Nelson		Beer Retailer	
Gale	Sam.		Baker & shpkpr.	Lockeridge
Glass	John	(Mrs.)	Farmer	
Hillard	Stephen		Hurdle Maker	
Huntley	John		Carpenter & inspector of nuisances, Marlboro' Rural District Council	
Hussey	Christopher Pierce		Farmer	South farm
Kimmer	William		Boot maker, Post office	Lockeridge
Parsons	Edwd. Willis		Farmer	North farm
Pye	Edward		Farmer	Overton Heath
Rawlings	Wm.		Dairyman	Lockeridge
Rebbeck	Annie	(Mrs.)	Shopkeeper & farmer	Lockeridge
Rebbeck	Victor Frederick		Assistant overseer	Lockeridge
Scaplehorn	Henry		Private gardener to Henry Rycroft Giffard esq. J.P.	Lockeridge
Smith	Louisa	(Mrs.)	Baker & grocer, Post Office	
Sprules	Henry		Chimney sweeper	
Sprules	James		Carpenter	Lockeridge
Strong	Thomas Edward			Bell P.H.
Waite	Nathaniel		Beer retailer & blacksmith	