



Post Office Directory Extract 1855



West Overton

West Overton a township, village and parish, in the Marlborough Union, Selkley Hundred, on the river Kennet, including the hamlet of Lockeridge, pleasantly situated, the latter 3 miles and the former 4 from Marlborough south-west, and contains the united population of 1,025, namely, 414 in West Overton, and 358 in Lockeridge, principally engaged in agriculture. Lockeridge House, an ancient brick mansion, and Lockeridge Cottage, the latter in more modern style of building, are situated here. The church stands on a slight acclivity, and is seen to advantage from the high road; it is an ancient stone structure, with square tower, four pinnacles, and 3 bells; the roof is of copper, and the ediface in general good repair. The living is a vicarage, in the patronage of the Duke of Marlborough; and united to that of Fyfield; the annual net value is £300; the Rev. W.J.B. Angell, M.A., is the vicar.

OVERTON HEATH, formerly extra-parochial, with 24 inhabitants; Clatford Park, an extra-parochial place, 2 miles west, with 17 inhabitants; Lockeridge and Dean are 1½ miles east; Barns, a quarter of a mile north; Piggie Dean, 1 mile north; Down Barn, three quarters of a mile north. Shaws is a fram. Here are many large stones and barrows.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Angell	Rev. William J.B.. M.A.	Revd.	Vicar	Vicarage
Long	Robert	Esq.		
Merriman	William Clark	Esq.		Lockeridge House
Pinckney	George Henry	Esq.		Lockeridge Cottage

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bailey	William		Baker & Shopkeeper	
Bracher	George		Farmer	
Draper	William		Boot & Shoe maker	Lockeridge
Fowler	William		Carpenter	
Godwin	James			Bell
Godwin	Thomas		Blacksmith	
Hitchcock	Henry		Farmer	
Long	Robert		Farmer	
Maslen	Adam		Mason	Lockeridge
Mason	John		Boot & shoe maker	Lockeridge
Mason	Thomas		Boot & shoe maker	
Merrifield	John		Surveyor of roads	
Pumphrey		Misses	Farmers	
Rebbeck	Jonathan		Farmer	Lockeridge
Shipway	Henry		Mason	
Tilley	Thomas		Shopkeeper	
Wait	Robert		Shop	Lockeridge
Webb	John		Saddler	
Wild	Richard		Farmer	Shaw's Farm

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