



## Post Office Directory Extract 1859



### Ramsbury

**Ramsbury**, a parish and large village, formerly a market town, is pleasantly situated on the banks of the river Kennet, 5 miles from Hungerford, 7 north-east of Marlborough, 21 from Devizes, and 66 from London, diocese of Salisbury, archdeaconry of Wilts, and deanery of Marlborough; it gives name to the Hundred, and now contains 2,696 inhabitants, and 9,742 acres of land; the chief owners are Sir Robert Burdett, Edward Leyborne Popham, Esq., Henry Richmond Seymour, Esq., and Alfred Batson, Esq. Tanning, malting, and brewing are carried on here. The houses are situated principally in one long street. Ramsbury Manor house, the seat of the late Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., is a fine mansion, and has a large park, with the broad sheet of the Kennet river passing through, and bounded on the south-east by extensive fir plantations. Littlecott Park, the seat of Francis L Popham, Esq., also Crowwood, the property of Henry R Seymour, Esq., and The Cedars, the residence of George B. Hankey, Esq., are in this neighbourhood. The church of the Holy Cross, a commodious structure, with square tower, is in good repair, and contains several fine specimens of monumental architecture, and is the mother church to the cathedral. The living is a vicarage, in the gift of the Lord Chancellor, and held by the Rev. John Hawkins, surrogate, value £300, with residence. There are places of worship for the Independents, Wesleyans, and Primitive Methodists; also a National school for boys and girls. The branch line of the Great Western railway, from Reading to Hungerford, which is 5 miles distance from this place, is a great convenience to the inhabitants and has also improved the trade of the town. The town tithing of **Ramsbury** contains 1,957 inhabitants; **Axford** tithing, 458; **Eastridge** tithing, 179; **Whittonditch** tithing, 102. **Park Town** is a hamlet. **Boustridge** is half a mile north; **Loves**, half mile north; **Hildrop**, 1 north-west; **Pit Barn**, three quarters of a mile south: **Elmdown** 1 mile south.

**Post & Money Order Office**:- Henry Iles, receiver. Letters arrive by mail cart from Hungerford; closes and delivered at 7 am in summer & 7.30. am in winter; box 6.15. pm. letters dispatched 6.25 pm.

#### **Insurance Agents :-**

Atlas, R Canning

Provincial (Welsh), E. J. L. Whitmore

Royal Farmers', Samuel Jones

Sun Fire, William Rowland

Stamp Office, Robert & Henry Large, sub-distributors

#### **Places of Worship:-**

Independent Chapel, Rev. John Audley Harrison, minister

Church, Rev. John Hawkins, M.A. vicar; Rev. Jacob Sturton, curate; William Franklin, clerk

Wesleyan Chapel, ministers various

Primitive Methodist Chapel, ministers various

National School, David Timms, master; Mrs Timms, mistress

**Carriers:-**

Pounds, to & from Marlborough, Wednesday & Saturday, & to Newbury, Tuesday & Thursday.  
 Denton, to & from Newbury, Tuesday & Thursday, and to Marlborough Wednesday & Saturday.

**Private Residents**

Surname	Given Names	Title	Occupation	Place/Parish
Batson	Alfred	Esq.		
Batt	Martha	Mrs.		
Davis	Martha	Mrs.		
Hankey	George Bernard	Esq.		Cedars
Harrison	John Audley	Rev.	Independent Minister	
Hawkins	John	Rev., M.A.	Vicar	
Hazell	Ann	Mrs.		
Lyons	George Joseph	Esq.		Crowood
Meyrick	Mary Ann	Mrs.		
Meyrick	Edward	Rev.		
Osmond	Stephen	Rev.	Primitive Methodist Minister	
Popham	Charles Leybourne	Esq.		Littlecote Park
Read	Louisa	Miss		
Rowland	William	Esq.		
Sturton	Sturton	Rev.	Curate	
Whitmore	Edmund John Ludlow	Esq.		

**Commercial**

Surname	Given Names	Title	Trade/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Wren & Mathews	Saddlers & Harness Makers	
Alexander	Ambrose		Carpenter	
Appleford	Henry		Farmer	Elmdown
Ashley	John		Tanner & Currier	
Atherton	George		Brewer & Maltster	
Atherton	Henry		Miller &c.	
Atherton	William Fullbrook		Farmer	Whittenditch
Avenell	John		Plumber, Painter &c.	
Baker	Charles		Tailor & Draper	
Beckingham	Thomas		Blacksmith	
Bethell	John		Farmer	Park Town
Biggs	John		Shopkeeper	
Bryant	George		Publican	Crown & Anchor Public House
Bushell	George		Watchmaker	
Canning	Robert		Farmer	Park Farm
Chamberlain	Eli		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Chamberlain	Samuel		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Chamberlain	Walter Samuel		Corn & Seed Merchant	
Cox	John		Bricklayer	
Cozens	John		Millwright	

Crook	John		Carpenter &c.	Axford
Denton	John		Carrier	
Dimmock	John Richard		Baker	
Dismore	William		Shopkeeper	
Dixon	Matthias		Publican	Burdett Arms Public House
Edwards	William		Miller	
Franklin	William		Assistant Overseer & Parish Clerk & Coal Merchant	
George	William		Farmer	Axford
Goddard	Thomas		Currier	
Goodman	William		Beer Retailer	
Grant	James		Farmer	Manor Farm
Greenland	William		Blacksmith	Axford
Grimes	John		Publican	Bell Public House
Hacker	James		Shopkeeper	
Hill	Richard		Grocer & Agent to the Phoenix Fire Office	
Hillard	John		Farmer	
Hopkins	Matthias		Baker & Grocer	
Humphries	John		Butcher	
Huntley	William		Police Sargeant	
Iles	Henry		Baker & Postmaster	
Jones	Samuel		Shopkeeper	
Jones	William		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Joyce	Caleb		Watchmaker	
Kimber	George		Boot & Shoe Maker	
King	James		Boot & Shoe Maker	
King	Thomas		Schoolmaster	
Langfield	James		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Langfield	James		Carpenter	
Langfield & Greenaway			Tanners & Curriers	
Large	Robert		Grocer & Draper & Stamp Office	
Large	Henry		Grocer & Draper & Stamp Office	
Lavington	Henry		Farmer	Littlecote Farm
Lawrence	Henry		Cowkeeper	
Lawrence	Johnathan		Basketmaker	
Luke	William		Carpenter	
Luker	James		Plumber, Painter & Glazier	
Manderson		Miss	Stationer	
Martin	Charles		Farmer	Elmdown
Martin	Henry		Butcher	
Maslin	John		Shopkeeper & Baker	
Maslin	Joseph		Furrier & Shopkeeper	
Moon	John		Baker & Shopkeeper	
Nash	John		Farmer	Pentico
Neate	Alfred		Farmer	Knighton Farm
Osmond	John		Farmer	Axford Upper Farm
Osmond	Stephen Thomas		Brass & Iron Founder, & Agricultural Manufacturer	Newtown
Palfrey	William		Carpenter	
Phelps	John		Solicitor's Clerk	
Pike	Frederick		Farmer	Ambrose Farm
Pike	Robert		Shopkeeper	Whittenditch
Pope	Edwin		Blacksmith	
Pound	Thomas		Carrier	
Povey	Richard		Blacksmith	Whittenditch

Pye	John		Publican	Bleeding Horse Public House
Rickets	Herbert		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Rowland	John Webb		Miller & Farmer	Axford Farm
Rowland	William		Solicitor, Clerk to Magistrates, Clerk to Hungerford Union & Superintendent Registrar	
Rumball	Charles		Farmer	Hildrop
Sellwood	Thomas Shepherd		Fellmonger & Woolstapler	
Seymour	William		Builder & Carpenter	
Shuttle	Joseph		Beer Retailer	
Smith	Arthur		Drillman	
Smith	John		Tailor	
Talmage	James		Shopkeeper	
Talmage	William		Shopkeeper	
Timms	David		National Schoolmaster	
Twycross	James		Tailor & China Dealer	
Twycross	Richard		Tailor	
Vaisey	Robert		Farmer	Coombe Farm
Waldron	James Lovegrove		Farmer	Marriage Hill
Waldron	Lovegrove		Farmer	Eastridge
Ward	Francis		Baker	
Watts	Robert		Beer Retailer	
Watts	Thomas		Publican	Malt Shovel Public House
Webb	Henry		Publican	Windsor Castle Public House
Whitmore	Edmund John Ludlow		Surgeon	
Wilson	George		Butcher	
Wilson	William		Linen & Woolen Draper & Tailor	