



# Post Office Directory Extract 1855

## Steeple Ashton (Including West Ashton)



**Steeple Ashton and West Ashton** - Steeple Ashton-Cum-Hinton, a large and considerable village, township and parish, 4 miles east of Trowbridge, 5 miles south from Melksham, 105 from London, 9 south-east from Devizes, and 10 from Warminster, in the Hundred and division of Whorwellsdown, and Westbury Union, North Wilts. The church of St. Mary is a noble fabric, with square tower and 6 bells; was built in the latter end of the 13th century, and is one of the finest parish churches in the county. The living is a vicarage, in the gift of Magdalene College, Cambridge, of the annual value of £800, now enjoyed by the Rev. Richard Crawley, M.A. The population in 1851, was 802 in the township and tithing; its area is 2,800 acres, which chiefly belongs to Walter Long, Esq., M.P., lord of the manor who resides at Rood Ashton House, a splendid Gothic mansion, situated a little west of the village. The parish includes West Ashton & Great Hinton, with a total population of 1,857. Here is a Primitive Methodist chapel, also a National school. Fossils have been found in large quantities in the parish at various times. The Kennet canal lies 2 miles north.

**West Ashton**, a pleasant village and tithing of the same parish, 2 miles south of Trowbridge, and 3 north from Westbury, contains 324 inhabitants; its area is 2,000 acres, which belongs to Walter Long, Esq., M.P., lord of the manor. The church of St. John is a neat modern built structure, with 1 bell, and a fine-toned organ, stone pulpit, and reading desk. The living is a perpetual curacy, of the annual value of £200 in the gift of W. Long, Esq., M.P.; and the Rev. Francis Henry Wilkinson, M.A., is the incumbent. Here is a National school for boys and girls, erected and chiefly supported by W. Long, Esq., and the incumbent.

Dunge is 1 mile south-east.

### GENTRY

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Crabbe	Thomas	Esq.		
Crawley	Richard	Rev. M. A.		Vicarage
Hall	Alfred	Mr.		
Hillier	George	Mr.		
Oram	Sarah	Mrs.		
Seale	Job Lockyer	Esq. M.D.		
Wheeler	J. B.	Esq.		

### TRADERS

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Ashby	George		Brewer & Publican	Long Arms
Axford	John	.	Farmer	
Barnett	James		Farmer	
Bartlett	James		Farmer	
Berrett	John		Farmer	
Blake	Silas		Baker & Postmaster	
Blanchard	William		Farmer	
Daniela	John		Tailor	
Dark	John		Farmer	
Deacon	Charles		Farmer	
Gale	John		Shoemaker	

Gale	William		Shoemaker	
Gidding	William		Plumber & Glazier	
Gill	John		Shoemaker	
Grant	William		Beer Retailer	
Hacker	James		Wheelwright	
Hale	Alfred		Clerk to Magistrates & Land Steward	
Hawkins	James		Butcher	
Holder	Charles		Baker & Grocer	
Lancaster	John		Builder	
Lawrence	William		Shopkeeper & Publican	Royal Oak
Line	Isaac		Farmer	
Maslen	George		Farmer	
Mattock	George		Carpenter	
Matthews	Humphreys		Publican	Rose & Crown
Miles	Thomas		Farmer	
Miles	Thomas		Shoemaker	
Moore	Edward		Smith	
Parsons	John		Master of National School	
Raymond	Stephen		Parish Clerk	
Seale	Job Lockyer		Physician	
Sims	Daniel		Shopkeeper	
Sims	George		Farmer	
Winslow	James		Farmer & Market Gardener	
Winslow	John		Farmer	

## WEST ASHTON

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Beaven	W.		Farmer	
Bourne	W.		Farmer	
Long	Walter	Esq.		Rood Ashton House
Wilkinson	F. H.	Rev. M. A.		Parsonage

## HINTON

### GENTRY

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Cook	John	Mr.		

### TRADERS

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Miles	Adam		Carpenter	
Milsom	John		Farmer	
Simms	David		Farmer	
Sims	Margaret	Mrs.	Publican	New Inn
Watts	Thomas		Farmer	

Letters are received through Trowbridge at ½ past 9 a.m.; dispatched at ½ past 5 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Trowbridge