



## Kellys Directory of Wiltshire, 1889



### Stratton St. Margaret

Stratton St Margaret is a parish and a village, taking its name from the old roman road running through it; it has a station 1½ miles from the village, on the Swindon & Cricklade branch of the Great Western Railway, 2½ miles north-east from Swindon, 79½ miles from London and 3½ south from Highworth: it was originally divided into 3 tithing's, called the street (now Lower Stratton), The Green, and Upper Stratton. And includes UPPER STRATTON with KINGSDOWN: it is in the Northern division of the county, hundred of Highworth, Swindon & Highworth union, Swindon county court district & petty session's division, and in the rural deanery of Cricklade, archdeaconry of Bristol and diocese of Gloucester and Bristol. The Wiltshire & Berks canal skirts the parish on the south. The church of St.Margaret is an ancient structure of stone, in the Early English style, supposed to have been erected in the reign of Edward I.; it consists of chancel, nave, aisles separated from the nave by arcades of four bays, south porch, and a modern square western tower containing 4 bells: the east window is decorated and stained: there are monumental tablets to William & Alice Hedges, *alias* Lacey de Kingsdown, 1645: Catherine Hedges, 1649 & William Hedges, 1693; also a memorial window to Mrs. Eliza E. Craig, 1882:: there are 350 sittings. The register dates from the year 1608. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £210, the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol nominates, and Merton College, Oxford, presents, to the living: the present incumbent, the Rev. Septimus Isaac Crawhill M.A. of Magdalen College, Oxford, has held the living since 1879:: the rectorial tithe and glebe lands are in the possession of Merton College. There is an iron mission, dedicated to St. Philip. at Upper Stratton with 230 sittings. Here are Particular Baptist, General Baptist, Primitive Methodist, with Sunday schools attached. The charities are inconsiderable, being the interest of a sum of £200, bequeathed for the sustenance of vicars' widows in 1693 by Wm. Hedges: there is an endowment of £24 a year to the General Baptist chapel at Lower Stratton. Here is the Workhouse of the Highworth & Swindon union, for particulars see Swindon.. Kingsdown House, a stone building in the Elizabethan style, the seat of David Archer esq.. D.L., J.P. lord of the manor. The principal landowners are Merton College, Oxford, D. Archer esq, D.L., J.P., Thomas Day esq. and Thomas Arkell esq. The soil is principally clay loam and brash: subsoil of a loamy mixture. The chief crops are wheat, beans and barley. The area is 2,883 acres of land; ratable value £17,259: population in 1881 3,959 including 256 officers and inmates in Highworth and Swindon workhouse.

GORSE HILL is a hamlet, joining New Swindon. The names of residents are registered under New Swindon, which see; it is about to be joined to New Swindon for all purposes.

KINGSDOWN is 1½ miles north; PENHILL 2 miles north-west

Parish clerk, James Herbert.

Post, M.O. & T.O., T.M.O., S.B., Express Deliver & Annuity & Insurance Office – James Herbert, receiver.. Letters received through Swindon office at 3.10am; dispatched at 10pm

Post, M.O., S.B & Annuity & Insurance office, Upper Stratton – Frank Ashe, receiver. Letters through Swindon arrive 6.20am & 12.50pm; cleared 7.30 & 1.50pm week days only. The nearest Telegraph office is at Stratton St Margaret.

Highworth & Swindon Union Workhouse, Rev. Septimus Isaac Crawhill M.A., chaplain; James Fernie, medical officer; Edwin James Stephens, master; Mrs. Elizabeth Stephens, matron.

#### Schools

A School Board of 5 members was formed February 12, 1876: W. West, Swindon., clerk to the board: John Jackson attendance officer.

Board Upper Stratton built in 1883 for 537 children, average attendance 120 boys, 120 girls & 90 infants; Wm. O. Hill, master; Mrs. Evans, mistress; Miss Rennie, infants' mistress

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National (mixed) build 1869 for 240 children, average attendance 180 boys & girls & 70 infants; G.J.G. Gilbert master; Miss Mary Benstead, infants' mistress.

Railway Station (GWR) John Hopkins, stationmaster

#### Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Archer	David	D.L.	JP	Kingsdown ho
Arkell	Henry			Pen Hill
Arkell	James			Lower Stratton
Arkell		Mrs.		Lower Stratton
Arkell	Thomas			Kingsdown
Colborne	Samuel			
Crawhall	Septimus Isaac	Rev., M. A.	Vicar	
Fernie	James			The Villas
Gardner	James Weatherstone	Rev.	Baptist	Upper Stratton
Hippesley		Mrs.		Avon house, Penhill
Hoddinott	Edward			
Jones	Samuel			Green
Lawson	James	Rev.	Curate	
Pound	William			
Smith	Fredk. Gilliat	Capt.		Stratton House

#### COMMERCIAL

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Apling	Christr. Hy.		Butcher	Up. Stratton
Arkell	Thomas & James		Maltsters & brewers	Kingsdown
Arkell	Henry		Farmer	Penhill
Ashe	Frank		Grocer, Haberdasher, beer retailer & corn dealer.	Post office
Barnes	Albert James		Commercial traveler	
Barnes	Chas. Wm.		Assistant overseer	
Barnes	Richard		Shopkeeper	
Burge	William		Plumber	
Clack	Richard		Grocer	
Clark	Lemuel		Shopkeeper	
Colborne	Thomas		Builder	
Cole	Charles		Sanitary of nuisances & surveyor, Highworth district, Highworth & Swindon union.	Upper Stratton
Cole	Edward. James.		Baker	Upper Stratton
Coleing	Jethro Kinch		Farmer	Upper Stratton
Collett	John Wm.		Farmer	Beech farm
Cook	Henry		Baker	Upper Stratton
Cox	Herbert		Dairyman	
Cox	Stephen		Farmer	Wharf farm
Eatwell	George		Blacksmith	
Edwards	Wm.		Shopkeeper	Upper Stratton
Fernie	James		Surgeon & medical officer & public vaccinator No.4 district & workhouse. Highworth & Swindon union.	The Villas
Fisher	Maria	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Ford	Henry		Shopkeeper	Kingsdown
Ford	Jacob		Beer retailer	
Fyson	Fuller		Farmer	Pidgeon house farm

Gantlett	Vivian		Farmer	Church farm
Hoddinott	E.		Manager of the Great Western Farm Dairy Co. Limited	
Greenaway	William		Farmer	
Hale	Isaac		Baker	
Harris	Henry		Builder	Upper Stratton
Herbert	Jas.			Post office, Lower Stratton
Higgins	Jsph.		Bailiff for Hy. Arkell esq	
Hill	Henry			'Jacobs Ladder' ph
Hillier	Caleb		Beer retailer	
Hoddinott	Edwd		Aerated water manufacture	
Hughes	James			'The Crown' ph
Hunt	David		Farmer	
Iles	Henry		Brick maker	
Ingram	Wm.		Beer retailer	Upper Stratton
Jackson	John		School Attendance Officer	Upper Stratton
Jarvis	Frederick		grocer	
Jarvis	Henry		Beer retailer	'Kingsdown Inn'
Jones	Sl,		Miller (water)	Stratton Wharf
Kilminster	Joseph.		Plasterer	Upper Stratton
Looker	Henry		Builder	
Love	Thomas		Baker	
Morse	Ebenezer		Grocer	
Osbourne	Henry		Baker	
Payne	William		Carpenter	
Pearce	Henry		Draper	
Pearce	Henry Edward		Stationer	
Ponting	Joseph		Mason	Kingsdown
	Pound & Co.		Brewers	
Radway	Jethro		Shopkeeper	
Russell	George		Farmer	
Russell	Joseph		Farmer	
Spering	Reuben		Carpenter	
Strode	Mary	Mrs.	Beer retailer	
Tarrant	Enos William		Boot maker	
Tilley	George		Farmer	
Trotman	Daniel		Grocer	
Turner	Thomas		Brick maker	
Trowbridge	James		Bricklayer	
Veal	Samuel		Carpenter	
Warman	Joseph.		Beer retailer	
Wheeler	James		Beer retailer & coal merchant	Upper Stratton
Wightman	William John		Farmer	
Wilson	Hugh		Beer retailer	
Yeates	Charles		Boot & shoe maker	
Young	John George		Commercial traveler	