



Post Office Directory of Wiltshire, 1859



Stratton St. Margaret

Stratton St Margaret including Upper Stratton, Lower Stratton, Stratton Green & Kingsdown. Stratton St Margaret is a parish and a village, originally divided into three tithing's called the street, (now Lower Stratton), the Green and Upper Stratton. It is now only one tithing and includes the Hamlet of Upper Stratton with Kingsdown. It is 2½ miles north of Swindon Station, 79½ miles from London & 3½ miles south from Highworth, in the Hundred of Cricklade, Highworth Union, Cricklade parliamentary borough, North Wilts & the bishopric of Gloucester & Bristol. The living is a vicarage, worth £240, in the gift of the bishop of Salisbury; the rectory & glebe lands are in the possession of Merton College, Oxford; the present incumbent is Rev. Charles Nesfield. The church of St. Margaret, which is an ancient stone structure in the old English style of architecture, is supposed to have been erected in the reign of Edward I.; it is in good repair & has a new square tower, with a low spire, a vane and 4 bells. There is a National school supported by weekly payments of the children, aided when necessary by voluntary contributions of the inhabitants. Here are also for chapel for dissenters, viz. – Particular Baptist, General Baptist, Independent & Primitive Methodist, with Sunday schools attached. The charities are very inconsiderable arising out of a church-house & land bequeathed for repairs to the church & c. The only mansion in the neighborhood is Kingsdown House, a new stone building in the Elizabethan style, the property of David Archer Esq. who now occupies the same. The old Roman road runs direct through the village. Ambrose Goddard Esq. is the lord of the manor. The population according to the Census in 1851 was 1,725 with 2,620 Acres. Kingsdown is 1½ miles north and Penhill 2 miles north-west.

Post Office – Richard Fisher, receiver. Letters received through the Swindon office at 7 a.m. in summer & winter. The box is closed at 8.45 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Swindon.

Public Establishments – *Highworth & Swindon Union Workhouse*, Mr. John Houghton, master. *Public Library & Reading Rooms*, David Archer, Esq. president

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Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Archer	David	Esq.	JP	Kingsdown House
Arkell	Thomas	Esq.		Pen Hill
Day	Thomas	Esq.		The Villa
Hatt	John	Mr.		
Jones		Rev.	Curate	
Nesfield	Charles	Rev. M.A.	Vicar	
Smith	John	Mr		

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Arkell	John	& Son	Malsters & brewers	Kingsdown Brewery
Arkell	Thomas	Esq.	Farmer	Pen Hill
Barnes	Ambrose		Tailor	
Barnes	Enos		Tailor	
Burge	James		Plumber, painter &c	
Chowles	Robert		Beer retailer	
Clack	Richard		Boot & shoemaker & shopkeeper	
Collet	William		Farmer	
Constable	Charles		Boot & shoemaker	
Debank	James			'Crown'
Dix	John			'Jacobs Ladder'

Elborough	Henry		Farmer	
Field	James		Brick maker	
Fisher	Henry		Blacksmith	
Fowler	Richard		Boot & shoemaker	
Geeves	Edward		Farmer	
Greenaway	John		Farmer	
Greenaway	Thomas		Farmer	
Habgood	John		Carpenter, wheelwright, brick maker, &c	
Hinchcliffe	Thomas		Beer retailer	
Horton	Thomas		Farmer	
Hugher	John		Baker & shopkeeper	
Jones	Samuel		Coal merchant	Stratton Wharf
Keene	Richard		Beer retailer & shopkeeper	
Kirby	Sarah	Mrs.	Farmer	
Lewes	John		Carpenter & wheelwright	
Melsum	John		Shopkeeper	
Miles	John			'Kingsdown Inn'
Morse	Charles		Draper & shopkeeper	
Russell	Thomas		Beer retailer	
Seymour	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Beer retailer & shopkeeper	
Stroud	George		Beer retailer	
Stroud	Thomas		Carpenter, wheelwright & beer retailer	
Tarrant	George		Shoemaker	
Thorne	Ralph		Beer retailer	
Tilley	George		Farmer	
Tilley	Richard		Farmer	
Trotman	Daniel		Shopkeeper & baker	
Tucker	Thomas		Beer retailer	
White	Richard		Common brewer & farmer	
Wilkins	Ralph		Farmer	