



# Kellys Directory Extract 1889



## Winsley

WINSLEY is a scattered village, and was with LIMPLEY STOKE formed into an ecclesiastical parish in 1846 from the civil parish of Bradford, a mile and a half west from Bradford on-Avon and 5 miles south-east from Bath, in the Western division of the county, hundred, petty sessional division, union, and county court district of Bradford-on-Avon, deanery of Potterne Bradford portion, archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St. Nicholas is in the centre of the village: it was rebuilt of stone in the Perpendicular style in 1841, and consists of chancel and nave and south porch: the old tower, containing 3 bells, which stood at the west end of the old church, now stands isolated, - or only connected by a passage to the gallery of the new church: the church is not remarkable for architectural beauty, but the tower is much admired, being one of the best kind of the ancient saddle-back: the church is now (1889) being reseated and in other respects improved: the church will seat about 500 people. The register dates from the year 1724. Winsley and Limpley Stoke form one benefice, a vicarage, of the joint yearly value of £300 net, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Bristol, and held since 1862 by the Rev. Francis Stephen Forss, T.A.K.C.L. surrogate, who resides at Limpley Stoke. Here is a Wesleyan chapel. Near the church is a small gorge in the hill side called Danes-bottom, where, according to tradition, a battle was fought between these invaders and the troops of Alfred. Atwood's charity of £17 yearly, derived from funded property, is for distribution in money. The inhabitants are employed chiefly in agriculture and in working in the freestone quarries. The Kennet and Avon canal passes through the parish in the valley. From the hill may be seen the canal, river Avon, railway and road, running at different elevations side by side through the valley. The hill sides are clothed with woods, where, through their bold, rocky character, cultivation in places is impossible; hence the valley appears beautifully wooded, and the foliage with its varying tints presents a scene of surpassing loveliness. Here is a pumping station of the Bradford Waterworks, which supplies the reservoir. The soil is chiefly stone brash; subsoil, freestone; the crops are barley, oats, wheat and roots. The area, including Limpley Stoke, is 3,247 acres; the population in 1881 of the ecclesiastical district of Winsley and Limpley Stoke was 1,027.

**LIMPLEY STOKE** will be found under a separate heading

**TURLEIGH** is a hamlet half a mile south-east.

**Parish Clerk**, James Forster.

**POST OFFICE**, John Billing Pinney, receiver. Letters through Bradford-on-Avon arrive at 7.10 a.m. & 7.15 p.m.; Sunday, 7.15 a.m.; dispatched at 7.19 p.m. Limpley Stoke is the nearest telegraph & money order office.

**WALL LETTER** Box, Turleigh, cleared at 6.35 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.

**National School** (mixed), built in 1866, for 100 children; average attendance, 75; Mrs. Mary Ann Cave, mistress.

## Winsley

### Residential & Gentry

| Surname      | Given Names    | Title            | Industry/Occupation    | Place/Parish  |
|--------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Dyer         |                | Mrs.             |                        | Manor House   |
| Edmonds      | Richard        |                  |                        | Fern Cottage  |
| Gouldsmith   | William Alfred |                  |                        | Wintersleigh  |
| Magrath      | John Richard   | Col., R.A., J.P. |                        | Murhill House |
| Sandys       | Joseph Samuel  | Rev., M.A.       | Curate Of St. Nicholas | Rock House    |
| Stuckey-Lean | Arthur         |                  |                        | Winsley House |
| Tucker       |                | Mrs.             |                        |               |
| Ward         |                | Mrs.             |                        |               |

## Commercial

| Surname | Given Names     | Title                     | Industry/Occupation                | Place/Parish             |
|---------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
|         |                 | Bath Stone Firms Co. Ltd. | Quarry Owners                      |                          |
| Bowles  | Abel            |                           | Farmer                             | Haugh Farm               |
| Bowles  | Frank           |                           | Nurseryman                         |                          |
| Broad   | John            |                           | Smith                              | Dane Villa               |
| Carter  | Tom             |                           | Farmer                             | Hay Farm                 |
| Davis   | Joseph          |                           | Nurseryman                         | Sunny Bank               |
| Day     | Francis William |                           | Farmer                             |                          |
| Dike    | George          |                           | Farmer                             | Church Farm              |
| Duck    | Thomas          |                           | Carpenter                          |                          |
| Forster | James           |                           | Parish Clerk & Shoe Maker          |                          |
| Forster | James, Jnr.     |                           | Carpenter                          |                          |
| Freeman | Thomas Richard  |                           | Flock Mill                         |                          |
| King    | James           |                           | Farmer                             |                          |
| Morgan  | Henry           |                           | Publican                           | Seven Stars Public House |
| Pinney  | John Billing    |                           | Baker, Coal Merchant & Post Office | Post Office              |
| Smith   | William         |                           | Farmer                             | Great Ashley Farm        |
| Stokes  | Sidney          |                           | Farmer                             | Winsley Farm             |
| Taylor  | Charles         |                           | Farmer                             | Ashley Farm              |
| Tucker  | Hugh            | Mrs.                      | Farmer                             |                          |

## Turleigh

| Surname          | Given Names     | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish                 |
|------------------|-----------------|-------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Bailey           | Charles         |       | Rate Collector      |                              |
| Bence            | William         | Mrs.  | Shopkeeper          |                              |
| Carnegie-Cheales | J. A.           | B.A.  |                     | Brooklands                   |
| Hale             | Henry           |       | Farmer              |                              |
| Harper           | Maria           | Mrs.  | Publican            | Prince Of Wales Public House |
| Hooper           |                 | Mrs.  |                     |                              |
| Layard           | Charles Clement | Rev.  |                     | Turleigh House               |
| Thompson         |                 | Mrs.  |                     | Turleigh Villa               |
| Tribe            | George          |       | Hurdle Maker        |                              |
| Wilkins          |                 | Mrs.  |                     | Rock Villa                   |