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## *The Tithings of Worton & Marston*

### *The Historical Connection with Potterne*

The ancient parish of Potterne consisted of the tithings of Potterne, Worton, and Marston.

Two churchwardens were appointed for Potterne tithing and one chapel warden each for those of Worton and Marston. At the beginning of the 19th century Worton and Marston each separately maintained its own poor and appointed overseers. It appears that from at least 1828 the government of each was carried on through a separate vestry meeting.

By Order in Council of 1852 the district chapelry of Worton, comprising the tithings of Worton and Marston, was formed out of the ecclesiastical parish of Potterne into a new ecclesiastical parish.

Worton and Marston continued to relieve their poor separately and to be governed by separate vestries. They were in effect civil parishes. A small part of the parish of Potterne was transferred to the (civil) parish of Worton by order of the Local Government Board in 1883. Under the Local Government Act, 1894, Worton civil parish was placed under the government of a parish council and Marston civil parish under that of a parish meeting.

By the Wiltshire County Review Order, 1934, small parts of the parish of Potterne were transferred to the borough of Devizes and to the parish of Worton.