



Post Office Directory of Wiltshire Extract 1855

Sherston



SHERSTON MAGNA, or Great Sherston, a township, large village and parish, situated on the river Avon, 5½ miles west-by-south from Malmesbury, and about 5½ south-west from Tetbury, in Chippenham Hundred, Union of Malmesbury, North Wilts. The living is a vicarage, valued at about £150, in the bishopric or Gloucester and Bristol, and the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Gloucester; the Rev. Charles Whitcombe, M.A., is the incumbent. The church of the Holy Trinity is a fine old structure, with square tower in the centre, and 5 bells. The Independents, Baptists, and Primitive Methodist have each a place of worship here; there is likewise a spacious and newly-erected school on the National, and one on the British system; and charities of about £13 annual value for the benefit of the poor. William Henry Cresswell, Esq., is lord of the manor. The area of the parish is 4,280 acres, and the population, in 1851, was 1,589, including the hamlet of Wilsley, 2 miles north.

SHERSTON PARVA, or Pinkney, a village and parish in the Hundred of Chippenham, Union and division of Malmesbury, lies 9 miles north-west from the former, and 4½ west from the latter. The area of the parish is 930 acres, and the population 175. W. H. Cresswell, Esq., is lord of the manor.

KNOCK DOWN is 2 miles north-by-west; Warren Barn, 1½ miles north-west; Stanbridge, 1 mile west; Wheatbottom, 1 mile west; Gaggs Mills, half a mile west; Easton, quarter of a mile north-east; New Farm, half a mile south; Lady Wood and Lord's Wood, 1½ miles south-east. At Pinkney is the site of a supposed Roman station.

PLACES OF WORSHIP:—

Church, Rev. Charles Whitcombe, M.A. vicar
Independent Chapel, Rev. Daniel Best Sherry, minister
Baptist Chapel, Rev. Samuel Stubbings, minister
Primitive Methodist, ministers various

PUBLIC SCHOOLS:—

British, John Gosling, master
National, Joseph Webb, master; Mrs. Elizabeth Webb, mistress
Infant, Miss Fanny Miller, mistress

Letters arrive by foot post from Malmesbury at 9 a.m.; dispatched at 4 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Malmesbury

SHERSTON MAGNA

Gentry

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Byam	Samuel	esq.		Wilsley
Rich	Edmund	esq.		Wilsley
Smith	Edwin	esq.		
Stubbings	Samuel	Rev.		
Whitcombe	Samuel	Rev.		

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Amos	Thomas		miller	
Amos	William		farmer	
Bailey	Robert & John		farmers	Lordswd
Bell	Thomas		farmer	
Bennett	Nicholas		farmer	Wick
Berry	Nathaniel		shopkeeper	
Boulton	Edwin			'Swan'
Brain	Thomas		farmer	Widlays
Cook	George		draper	
Dickerson	Elizabeth	Mrs.	shopkeeper	
Elliott	John		farmer	
Evins	Thomas		blacksmith	
Evins	William		blacksmith	
Gaze	Isaac		farmer	
Gosling	John		master of British school	
Hall	Robert			'Rattlebones'
Hale	George		Shopkeeper, & agent to the Norwich fire & life insurance	
Higgs	Moses		butcher	
Hill	George & Henry		farmers	
Hill	George		farmer	
Hill	Henry		baker	
Hill	William		postmaster	
Hillier	William		farmer	
Hillier	William jun.		farmer	
Holbrow	Daniel		farmer	Knockdown
Holbrow	Henry		farmer	Wilsley
Hunt	John		beer retailer	
Lewis	William		blacksmith	
Mills	Thomas		fellmonger	
Neale	Albert			'New inn', Knockdown
Neale	John		plasterer	
Neale	Thomas		painter & druggist	
Neems	Thomas		farmer	Ladywood
Palmer	John			'Old Royal Ship'
Prior	John		farmer	
Pugh	Henry		plumber	
Rice	Thomas		farmer	
Rich	Edmund		farmer	Wilsley
Richards	John		chemist & druggist	
Sainsbury	Charles		stonemason	
Sattely	Zaccheus		watchmaker	
Smart	Thomas			'Angel'
Smith	Edwin		surgeon	
Smith	Robert		carpenter	
Tugwell	William		farmer	Wick
Thompson	Thos.		farmer & cattle dealer	
Trinder	Phoebe	Mrs.	shopkpr.	Wilsley
Webb	Elizabeth	Mrs.	mistress of National school	
Webb	Joseph		master of National school	
Winslow	John		farmer	Knockdown

SHERSTON PARVA

Gentry

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Creswell	Wm. Hy.	esq.		Pinkney house

Traders

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Bennett	John		farmer	Pinkney court
Newth	John		farmer	
Skinner	John		millar	
Taylor	William		farmer	