



# Breach Farm

Sited on the border with South Marston and is now part of an airfield site it covered 28 acres.

Believed to date back to 13th Century. An Enclosure awarded was granted to Harry Ovens in 1796. In the 1841 census William Burdock is farmer, in 1851 John Collett, in 1861 William Collett, and 1868-1871 John Collett. On 3rd March 1877 W. J. Collett was advertising for a Strong boy and a girl as farm servants.

In the 1881 census has William Jacob Collett as farmer here, in 1887 he gave notice not to Trespass, Hunt or Sport on his lands and in 1889 he was advertising two cottages to let and looking for a servant & cowman. According to the 1890 North Wilts Directory he was still resident and in March 1891 he was advertising for a Cowman.

Reported in local papers with Henry Manners the farmer, in 1894 Fanny Osmand his domestic Servant was assaulted by two local youths on her way back from delivering eggs to the vicarage and in 1896 William Garland a 24-year-old labourer was charged for taking apples and eggs from his employer.

In both the 1901 Census and 1911 Kellys Directory record Henry Manners as still being the farmer. The 1948 Street directory shows Mr. W. Weston in residence.

## OPC Note:

Map showing farm location.

