



Post Office Directory of Hampshire, Wiltshire & Dorset, 1875



Stratton St. Margaret

Stratton St Margaret is a parish and a village, taking its name from the old roman road running through it; it was 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 in the Northern division of the county, hundred of Highworth, Highworth & Swindon union, and Swindon county court district, diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, archdeaconry of Bristol, and rural deanery of Cricklade, 2½ miles north-east from Swindon, 79½ miles from London and 3½ south from Highworth: The Great Western Railway and Wiltshire & Berkshire canal skirt the parish on the south. The church of St.Margaret is a stone structure, in the Early English style, supposed to have been erected in the reign of Edward I.: it is in good order and has a modern square tower with 4 bells: The register dates from 1654. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £300, with residence, the Bishop of Gloucester & Bristol nominates, and Merton College, Oxford, presents to the living; the present incumbent is the Rev. Humphrey Pountney Chesshire, A.M. of the St. Peter's College, Cambridge: the rectorial tithe and glebe lands are in the possession of Merton College There is a National school, supported by weekly payments of the children, aided, where necessary, by voluntary contributions of the inhabitants; also a school at Upper Stratton in connection with the Baptist chapel. 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 house & land bequeathed for repairs to the church; there is an endowment of £24 a year to the Baptist chapel at Lower Stratton. Here is the workhouse of the Highworth union. Kingsdown House is a stone building in the Elizabethan style, the seat of David Archer Esq. J.P. who is lord of the manor. The principal landowners are Merton College, Oxford, David Archer Esq. and Thomas Day Esq. The soil is principally clay loam and brash: subsoil of a loamy mixture. The chief crops are wheat, beans and barley. The land is principally in pasture. The area is 2,620 acres; ratable value £14,181: population in 1871 2,527.

GORSE HILL is a hamlet joining New Swindon. The names of residents can be found under New Swindon.

KINGSDOWN is 1½ miles north; PENHILL 2 miles north-west

Post & Money Order Office & Savings Bank – Richard Sooker, receiver. Letters received through Swindon office at 4am, dispatched at 9.45pm. Pillar Box. Upper Stratton cleared 6.30 weekdays only.:

Schools –

National, George King, master; Mrs Mary Ann King, mistress

Baptist, Thomas Lewis, master

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		JP	Kingsdown House
Arkell	John			Malt House
Arkell	Thomas			Pen Hill
Bird	George	Rev. B.A.	Curate	

Cheshire	Humphrey Pountney	Rev. M.A.	Vicar	
Collett	Edward	Rev	Curate of Gorse Hill	Upper Stratton
Day	Thomas			Stratton house
Fernie	James			The Villas
Hamilton	Alexander John	Rev.	Baptist	Upper Stratton
Jeeves	Edward			
Jones	Samuel			Green

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Arkell	John	& Sons	Malsters & brewers	Kingsdown
Arkell	Thomas		Farmer	Pen Hill
Baker	Maurice		Beer retailer	Green
Barnes	Albert Jas.		Commercial traveler	
Barnes	Charles William		Tailor	
Burge	William		Plumber, painter &c	
Carter	James		Boot maker	
Clack	Richard	& Sons	Grocers	
Colborne	Samuel		Farmer	Upper Stratton
Colborne	Thomas		Builder, contractor & timber merchant	
Cole	Charles		Beer retailer	Kingsdown
Collett	John		Farmer	'Beach farm'
Collett	Wm.		Farmer & assistant overseer	
Constable	Charles		Boot & shoemaker	
Cook	Richard		Baker & confectioner	Upper Stratton & at New Swindon
Cowley	Chas.		Shopkeeper	Kingsdown
Curtis	Jasper		Brick maker	Kingsdown
Debank	James			'Crown'
Dix	John			'Jacobs Ladder'
Eatwell	George		Blacksmith	
Edwards	Wm.		Baker & Grocer	Upper Stratton
Elborough	Henry		Farmer & landowner	
Fernie	James		Surgeon	
Fisher	Maria	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Ford	Jacob			'Wheatsheaf'
Ford	Thomas		Coal Merchant	Wharf
Gantlett	Edward		Farmer	Church farm
Gibbs	Thomas		Carrier	Upper Stratton
Gleed	Ambrose		Beef retailer	
Greenaway	John		Farmer	
Greenaway	Thomas		Farmer	
Horton	Noah		Farmer	Green
Iles	George		Wheelwright	
Jackson	William		Mason	
Jeeves	Benjamin		Farmer	
Jennings	Joseph		Miller	Kingsdown Mill
Jones	Samuel		Coal merchant & miller	Stratton Wharf
Kemble	Richard		Farmer	Nythe farm
King	Henry		Coach builder	Upper Stratton
Looker	Henry		Builder & carpenter	
Love	Thomas		Grocer	
Morse	Charles	& Son	Draper & grocers	
New	Mary	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Pearce	Henry		Baker & Grocer	

Pope	William Henry			'Kingsdown Inn'
		Pound & Goddard	Brewers	
Rodway	Jethro		Greengrocer	Kingsdown
Sellwood	John		Shopkeeper & Beer retailer	
Stone	John Albert		Butcher	& New Swindon
Stroud	George		Beer retailer	
Stroud	Mary	Mrs	Beer retailer	
Tame	William		Hairdresser	
Tarrant	Enos William		Bootmaker	
Tilley	George		Farmer	
Tilley	Richard		Farmer	
Trotman	Cornelius		Boot maker	
Trotman	Daniel		Baker & grocer	
Tucker	Henry		Farmer	Gorse Hill
Turner	Thomas		Brick, tile & pottery manufacturer	& at Swindon
Warman	Joseph		Beer retailer	
Wheeler	John		Butcher	
Wilkins	Jane	Mrs	Farmer	Pigeon house farm
Woolford	James		Wheelwright	
Wright	Mary Ann	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Yeates	Francis		Fish salesman	