



Post Office Directory Extract 1875



Wilsford

WILSFORD (with Lake), near Amesbury, is a parish and village, in the Southern division of the county, Amesbury union, Underditch hundred, Salisbury county court district, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, and rural deanery of Amesbury, 2½ miles south-west from Amesbury, and 7½ north from Salisbury, situated on the river Avon. The church of St. Michael was rebuilt, with the exception of the tower in 1858, at the sole expense of Giles Loder, Esq. It has a chancel and nave, and contains monuments to the Duke family. The registers date from 1618. The living is a vicarage with that of Woodford annexed, joint yearly value £428, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of the diocese, and held by the Rev. Robert Money Chatfield, M.A., of Trinity College, Cambridge. There is a mixed school, supported by the Rev. Edward Duke, M.A., and Robert Loder, esq. On the downs are many barrows. Lake House, the seat of the Rev. Edward Duke, M.A., J.P., was erected by one of his ancestors in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and is a beautiful specimen of the style of the period; it is picturesquely situated, embosomed in woods; the park contains some fine elm trees. Wilsford House is a handsome mansion, the property of Robert Loder, esq., and residence of Capt. T. G. Gilling. Rev. Edward Duke is lord of the manor of Lake, and Robert Loder, esq., is lord of the manor of Wilsford. The soil is light and chalky; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley, and oats. The area is 1,591 acres; gross estimated rental, £1,707; rateable value, £1,545; The population in 1851 was 162. Parish clerk, James Aldridge. Letters through Salisbury. The nearest money order office is in Amesbury.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Duke	Edward	Rev.		Lake House
Gilling	Thomas	Capt.		Wilsford House
Cuff	Martha	Miss	Mixed School Mistress	

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Brock	David		Miller	Lake
Rumming	William		Farmer	Wilsford Farm
Sidford	George		Farmer	Lake Farm