



Post Office Directory Extract 1855

Compton Bassett



COMPTON BASSETT is a small parish and rural village, 2½ miles north-east from Calne, and 8 south from Wootton Bassett, in Calne Hundred and Union. The seat of G. H. W. Heneage, Esq., MP., with extensive park and pleasure grounds, is situated here. The church, dedicated to St. Giles, is in the Norman and perpendicular styles, with square tower; the Rev. William Dalby, M.A., is the incumbent. The living is a rectory, in the archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury, value £436 per annum. G. H. W. Heneage, Esq., M.P., is lord of the manor. Population, in 1851, 436; acreage, 2,632.

FREETH is 1 mile north-west; Blackwell, half a mile north; Combe, quarter of a mile south-east.

POST OFFICE. - Jacob Dash, receiver. Letters arrive through Calne at ½ past 8 a.m.; dispatched at 6 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Calne.

National School (for boys & girls), Jno. Middleton, master; Mrs. Ann Middleton, mistress.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Dalby	William	Rev.		Rectory
Heneage	George Heneage Walker	Esq.		Compton House

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Austin	George		Farmer	
Bathe	William		Blacksmith	
Bodman	Henry		Farmer	
Bridges	William		Farmer	Cowage Farm
Clark	William		Shopkeeper & Beer Retailer	
Dash	Jacob		Shopkeeper & Post Master	
Drew	Henry		Shoemaker	
Freeth	John		Farmer	
Rawlings	John		Farmer	
Rawlings	Thomas		Farmer	
Rawlings	Henry		Farmer	
Rumming	Henry		Farmer	
Salter	William		Farmer	Noland' Farm
Seckston	John		Publican & Shopkeeper	White Horse
Spackman	Joseph		Farmer	
Spackman	William		Farmer	
White	George		Road Surveyor & Parish Clerk	
White	Jane	Miss	Farmer	
White	Robert		Farmer	
Wilde	William		Shopkeeper	