



Post Office Directory Extract 1875



Whitsbury

Whitsbury is a parish, on the borders of Hampshire, in the Southern division of the country, Fordingbridge union, Cawden hundred, country court district, diocese and arch-deaconry of Winchester, and rural deanery of Fordingbridge, distant 8 miles south from Salisbury, and 4 north-west-by-north from Fordingbridge. A small portion of this parish without houses or inhabitants, is in Hampshire. The church of St. Leonard is an ancient structure, and has chancel, nave, and low square tower with 1 bell : the chancel stands in Hampshire. The register dates from 1714. The living is a rectory, yearly value £284, with residence, in the gift of the trustees of the late Admiral Purvis, and held by the Rev. Fortescue Richard Purvis, LLB, of Jesus College, Cambridge. Here is a National school. Delafayes charity of £6 15s 9d, yearly is applied for providing medicine and surgery for the sick and industrious poor, and also for apprenticing any child of poor parents belonging to the parish. In this parish is WHITSBURY CAMP, an eminence supposed to have been the site of a Roman settlement. The Earl of Shaftesbury, who is lord of the manor, Sir Arthur Colin Curtis, bart and E Edwards, esq, are the principal landowners. The soil is chalk and light sand; subsoil, chalk and sandstone. The chief crops are wheat and barley. The area is 1,768 acres; gross estimated rental, £1,552 ; rateable value, £1,363 ; and the population in 1871 was 178.

Parish Clerk, George Roberts

Letters arrive from Salisbury. The nearest money order office is Fordingbridge

National School, Miss Elizabeth Paul, mistress

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Purvis	Fortescue Richard	Rev	LLB J.P. Rector	
Waters		Mrs		

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Hewett	Walter		Beer retailer	
Hood	Wm		Wheelwright & shopkeeper	
Long	George		Shopkeeper	
Nutbeem	James		Landowner & Farmer	
Roberts	Peter		Carpenter	
Ruddle	Thomas S		Farmer	