



Post Office Directory Extract 1855

Amesbury



Amesbury is a Union town, township and parish, formerly a market town, 8 miles north from Salisbury, gives name to a Hundred and Union in South Wilts and is situated in a small valley. The living is a perpetual curacy, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Windsor, value £276; the Rev. Fulwar William Fowle M.A., is the incumbent. The church is an ancient structure, apparently Norman, with nave, south aisle, chancel, organ, square central tower, 6 bells and clock; it was repaired about 1853. Here is a Wesleyan meeting house, a National school, and infant school and three Endowed charity schools. Here is the Union workhouse. The river Avon here produces very fine trout. Here are fairs on the 17th of May, 22nd of June, and 18th of December. This was a Roman settlement, and its present name is by some derived from Aurelius Ambrosius, a king of the Romano-Britons. The nunnery was founded here by Queen Elfrida to expiate the murder of King Edward. Amesbury House, the residence of Gay's patrons, the Duke and Duchess of Queensbury, was built by Mr. Webb, son-in-law of Inigo Jones, on the site of the nunnery, once in such repute that the Princess Mary, daughter of Edward I, took the veil in it, carrying with her a train of thirteen noble young ladies. In 1851 the population was 1,172; the area 5,433 acres 1 rood 18 poles. Sir Edmund Antrobus is the lord of the manor. Vespasian's Camp is situated to the westward of Amesbury, and is intersected by the turnpike-road. It occupies the summit of an eminence, on two sides by the river Avon and is surrounded by a single ditch and vallum, enclosing an area of 39 acres. The celebrated remains of a druidical temple, called Stonehenge, is situated on Salisbury plain, 2 miles West of Amesbury.

RATFYN is 1 mile north-by-east. On the downs are numerous barrows.

POST OFFICE - George Leach, postmaster. Letters arrive from Salisbury at ½ past 8, delivery at 9. Box closes at ½ past 5 p.m. in winter; in summer at ½ past 6.

INSURANCE AGENT - *Fire, Life & Hailstorm*, William Cove Kemm

PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS

Inland Revenue Office - George Inn

Union Workhouse - Rev. G. P. Lowther, chairman; W. A. Heathcote, Esq., vice-chairman; Charles Mussell, master; Mrs. Elizabeth Mussell, mistress

Registrar of Births & Deaths - Joseph Browne

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Rose's Charity

National - Edward William Flower, master; Mrs. Matilda Flower, mistress

Infant - Miss Fanny West, mistress

POSTING HOUSE - George Inn - Edward Hug Smallbone

CARRIER TO SALISBURY - William Wright, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

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Gentry

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Antrobus	Edmund	Sir, Bart.		
Bathe	George Best	Esq.		
Fowle	Fulwar William	Rev., M.A.		Parsonage
Harding	Stephen			
Long		Mrs		
Pinckney	Robert	Esq.		
Purnell	Joseph	Esq.		
Pyle	Charles	Esq.		
Rayson	William	Esq.		
Towey		Miss		
Selfe	Henry	Esq.		
Selfe		Miss		

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Andrews	Edward		Carpenter	
Bathe	George Best		Surgeon	
Bishop	William		Stonemason & Bricklayer	
Brown	Caroline	Miss	Boarding School	
Creed	George		Wheelwright & Carpenter	
Edwards	Job		Maltster	
Eyres	Philip		Dairyman	
Eyres	Robert		Bacon Factor & Shopkeeper	
Eyres	William		Boot & Shoemaker	
Feltham	James		Butcher	
Furniss	George		Farmer & Inn Keeper	New Inn
Gane	Alexander		General Dealer	
Gane	Henry		Boot & Shoemaker	
Gane	James		Blacksmith	
Gibbons	Hannah	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Gilbert	Charles		Plumber, Painter & Glazier	
Haines	Thomas		Baker & Miller	
Harding	William		Draper & Hosier	
Hopgood	John		Innkeeper	Kings Arms
Hunt	William		Watch & Clock Maker	
Jenneway	Matthias		Baker & Shopkeeper	
Kemm	William Cove		Maltster, Beer Retailer & Shopkeeper	
Lake	Henry		Basket Maker	
Leach	George		Grocer & Draper	
Long	William		Farmer	
Myles	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Beer Retailer	
Olding	Edmund		Farmer	Ratfin Farm
Payne	Daniel		Coal Dealer	
Phillips	James		Butcher	
Pyle	Charles		Surgeon	
Rooke	Michael		Farmer	Little Amesbury

Sandell	Thomas		Breeches Maker, Wholesale Glover, Woolstapler & Tanner	
Sandell	William		Miller	
Saph	Robert		Hairdresser	
Selfe	Henry		Farmer	
Smallbone	Edward Hugh			George & Posting House
Smith	Charles		Butcher	
Smith	Stephen		Carpenter	
Soper	Moses		Grocer & Baker	
Sweet	Charles		Shopkeeper	
Tanner	Thomas		Farmer	
Thornton	Edward		Plumber, Painter & Glazier	
Thornton	James		Plumber, Painter & Glazier	
Towler	Henry		Boot & Shoemaker	
Truckle	Benjamin		Beer Retailer	
Turner	Deborah	Miss	Dressmaker	
Turner	Fanny	Miss	Dressmaker	
Turner	Mary	Mrs.	Blacksmith	
Wheeler	George		Boot & Shoemaker	
Whitmarsh	Charles		Saddler & Harness Maker	
Yarham	Sarah	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Zillwood	John		Day School	