Post Office Directory Extract 1855

Atworth

Atworth - or Atford, a chapelry and tithing in the parish, Hundred and Union of Bradford, 5 miles north-east of Bradford, 3 south of Corsham station, 101 from London, 9 east of Bath, situated on the high road from London to Bath and Bristol. There are several quarries of excellent stone in the neighbourhood, well adapted for building purposes. The living is a perpetual curacy, value £250, in the diocese of Sarum, united to the adjoining chapelry of South Wraxall, and is now a distinct parish for ecclesiastical purposes, in the patronage of the Dean and Chapter of Bristol. The incumbent is the Rev. W. Laxton, M.A., who resides at Holt. The church, a neat structure of modern date, was rebuilt a few years since; the ancient square tower, containing 3 bells, once attached to the old building, now stands isolated to the north of the present erection. Mrs. Jane Brown, widow, in the year 1706 devised £10 yearly to the minister for catechizing children, and £5 for clothing the poor. Here is a small Independent chapel, a National and an Infant school. The population, in 1851, was 638. Lord Methuen is the lord of the manor.

Carrier - Taylor, from Melksham to Bath, passes through on Wednesday, returning same day

Letters received through Melksham. The nearest money order office is at Corsham.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation
Barton	Robert		Baker
Barton	Stephen		Maltster
Bath	Thomas		Shopkeeper
Bryant	Daniel		Shopkeeper
Butler	George		Carpenter
Collett	John		Shoemaker
Day	James		Publican
Helps	Joseph		Mason
Hulbert	John Tanner		Farmer
Hulbert	William		Farmer
Jones	Benjamin		Parish Clerk
May	John		Beer Retailer and Shopkeeper
Price	Ann	Mrs.	Mistress of National School
Price	Ann	Miss	Mistress of Infant School
Price	James		Master of National School
Poulsom	James		Quarry Master and Farmer
Poulsom	Samuel		Beer Retailer
Poulsom	Samuel		Shoemaker
Smart	Stephen		Shopkeeper
Smart	William		Mason
Sheppard	Daniel		Quarry Master
Titt	Lewin		Blacksmith
York	William		Publican