



Kellys Directory Extract 1889



Box

BOX is a parish and large village, extending to the Somersetshire border, with a station on the Great Western railway, 6 miles north-east from Bath, 8 south-west from Chippenham and 101¾ from London, in the North Western division of the county, hundred, petty sessional division and union of Chippenham and county court district of Bath, rural deanery of Chippenham, archdeaconry of Bristol and diocese of Gloucester and Bristol. The Box brook flows through the parish. The church of St. Thomas a Becket, erected in 1200, and restored in 1713, is a building of stone, consisting of chancel, nave of four bays, aisles and an embattled western tower with pinnacles and spire containing 5 bells: the east window is stained: there are sittings for 500 persons. The register dates from the year 1580. The living is a vicarage, gross yearly value from tithe rent-charge £408, including one acre of glebe, with residence, in the gift of William Stancomb esq. D.L., J.P. of Blounts Court, Potterne, and held since 1874 by the Rev. George Edward Gardiner M.A. of Brasenose College, Oxford, who is also sinecure rector of Haslebury. There is a Free Methodist chapel at Box Hill, and a Wesleyan chapel in the village. A cemetery of about 1 acre was formed in 1858 and has a mortuary chapel: it is under the control of a Burial Board of 6 members. Here are extensive stone quarries, a tallow factory, and some brewing and malting are done. The Box tunnel near here, through which the Great Western railway passes, is about two miles in length. The charities amount to £409, arising from funds left in 1844 and 1861 by John Neat esq. and Mrs. Holworthy and invested in £2 ¾ per cent. Consols; the interest is divided on Christmas day amongst 20 old men and women who are parishioners and members of the Church of England. Ashley Manor is the residence of Col. George Wilbraham Northey D.L., J.P. The principal landowners are the Rev. Edward William Northey M.A. who is lord of the manor, Col. George Wilbraham Northey D. L., J.P., George Pargiter Fuller esq. J.P. of Neston Park, Corsham, and Sir John P. Dickson-Poynder bart. of Hartham Park, Corsham. The soil is various; subsoil, clay. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 4,404 acres; rateable value, £17,678; the population in 1881 was 2,203.

Parish Clerk, Charles Richards.

POST, M. O. & T. O., S. B. & Annuity & Insurance Office. -Mrs. Sarah Fudge, sub-postmistress. Letters through Chippenham, arrive at 4.25 & 11 a. m. & 2.50 p.m.; dispatched at 10.10 a.m., 1.50 & 8.45 p.m.; Sundays at 8.45 p.m.

A School Board of 5 members was formed May 23, 1871; the Rev. George E. Gardiner, chairman to the board; Thomas Vezey, Quarryhill, Box, clerk to the board; Henry Chandler, attendance officer .

National Schools (boys, girls & infants), with residence for mistress, erected at a cost of £2,700, for 400 children; average attendance, 114 boys, 98 girls & 55 infants; William J. Burrows, master; Miss Lucy Woodley, mistress; Miss Annie Wingrove, infants' mistress.

Railway Station, John Toy, station master.

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Brown	William Jeffery			Middle Hill House
Browning		Misses		
Chambers	Charles			Box House
Coney	Arthur Henry	Lt.-Col., J.P.		Middle Hill
Daunt	William	General		Ashley House
Dew	Alfred Harston			Newton House
Elliott		Mrs.		Roseland Villa
Gardiner	George Edward	Rev., M.A.		Vicarage
Goodwin		Mrs.		Springfield Villa
Hayter		Mrs.		The Grove

Marsh	Alfred Richard George			Northfield House
Marsh	Richard Joseph			
Martin	James Pirie			Lorne Villa
Maskelyne	Edward Storey			Hatt House
Mathias	William	Rev. M.A.		Rudloe College
Milsom	Miss			Box Hill
Northey	George Wilbraham	D.L. J.P.		Ashley Manor
Northey	George			Myrtle Cottage
Perren	Frederick			2, Ashley Villas
Perren	Thomas			Villa Rosa
Pictor	Cornelius	James		Fogleigh
Pictor	Herbert Robert Newman			Rudloe House
Pinchin	Peter			
Pinchin	William			
Powell	George			Ashley
Snow	Thomas Fitzherbert			The Hermitage
Talbot	Robert Tebbit			Middle Hill
Tufnell	Robert George	Capt., R.N.		Shrub Hill House
Vezey		Mrs.		
Woodgate	Thomas	Capt., R.N.		Ardgay

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Hobbs Brothers	Farmers	
		Marsh & Son & Gibbs	Quarry Proprietors & Stone Merchants	Bath Stone Works
Alexander	Harriet	Mrs.	Baker & Shopkeeper	
Beatridge	Henry		Publican	Swan Inn
Browning	George		Baker	
Browning	James		Publican	Lamb Public House
Browning	Walter		Farmer	Slade Farm
Browning	Walter		Miller (Water)	Drewitt's Mill
Butt	George		Quarry Owner	
Chaffey	Arthur		Shopkeeper	
Chaffey	Louisa	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Chandler	Henry		Shopkeeper	Box Hill
Dyer	Anne	Miss		Northey Arms Public House, Ashley
Dyer	Mary	Miss		Northey Arms Public House, Ashley
Eyles	Charles		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Ford	William		Farmer	
Freeth	Frederick		Tailor	
Fudge	Sarah Elizabeth	Mrs.	Linen Draper & Post Office	
Gale	Edwin		Plasterer & Tiler	
Giddins	James		Farmer	Cole Farm
Gouldstone	Thomas		Farmer	Hill Farm
Greenwood	John		Plumber	
Greenwood	Nevill		Farmer	
Hancock	George		Manager, Bath Stone Firms Limited	
Hancock	Thomas		Farmer	Sheylois
Hardy	Charles		Provision Dealer & Grocer	
Hobbs	Edwin		Hotelier	Bear Hotel
Houkes	George		Saddler	

Houkes	W. G.	& Son	Saddlers	Devizes Road & at Corsham
Martin	James Porie		Surgeon	
Maslem	Richard		Honorary Secretary, Box Conservative Club	
Maslem	William		Honorary Secretary, Box Conservative Club	
Mathias	William	Rev., M.A.	School	Rudloe College
Merrett	Thomas		Shopkeeper	
Merrett	Thomas	& Son	Wheelwrights, &C.	
Milsom	David		Shopkeeper	
Milsom	David		Brewer & Beer Retailer	
Nash	Joseph	Mrs.	Proprietress, Kingsdown Private Asylum	Resident at Bath, Somerset
Neate	Stephen		Market Gardener	
Newman	George		Pork Butcher	
Noble	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Shopkeeper & Baker	
Noble	Samuel Rowe		Farmer	
Nowell	Richard		Superintendent of Cemetery	
Parkhouse	James		Farmer	Rudloe Farm
Pinchin	Catherine	Mrs.	Farmer	Hatt Farm
Pinchin	Peter		Brewer & Maltster	Box Brewery
Pocock	Frederick		Miller (Water)	Box Mill
Ponting	John Edward		Draper & Grocer	
Ponting	Ralph Skeate		Publican	Queen's Head Public House
Pritchard	Worthy		Farmer	Sheylois Farm
Pryor	William		Farmer	
Rawlings	John		Market Gardener	
Sawyer	John William		Builder	
Sawyer	Kate	Miss	Dress Maker	
Shewring	Walter		Contractor	
Smith	James		General Builder	Ashley
Smith	Thomas		Shoe Maker	
Snow	Thomas Fitzherbert		Surgeon, & Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator, Box District, Chippenham Union	The Hermitage
Spencer	John		Farmer	Ashley
Tilley	William		Carpenter	
Vezey	James		Soap & Candle Makers	
Vezey	James		Publican & Butcher	Chequers Public House
Vezey	John		Soap & Candle Makers	
Walford	Francis John		Provision Dealer	
Wright	Thomas		Farmer	Wadswick