



Kellys Directory Extract 1867

BLUNSDON ST. LEONARD



Blunston St. Leonard (or Broad Blunston) is a village and ecclesiastical parish, in the Northern Division of the county, hundred and union of Highworth, county court district of Swindon, Cricklade parliamentary borough, diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, archdeaconry of Bristol, and rural deanery of Cricklade, distant county court district of Swindon, Cricklade parliamentary borough, diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, archdeaconry of Bristol, and rural deanery of Cricklade, distant 3½ miles west from Highworth, 5 north from Swindon, and 81 from London. miles west from Highworth, 5 north from Swindon, and 80 from London. The church of St. Leonard is a neat building, with square tower containing 4 bells. The register dates from 1679. The living, formerly a chapelry of Highworth, has recently been endowed by the Ecclesiastical Commissioner, with £300 yearly, and constituted an independent rectory, in the gift of the Bishop of the diocese, and held by the Rev. Samuel F. Auchmuty, M.A., of Brasenose college, Oxford. There is a school for boys and girls, built upon church land, supported partly by clergyman of the parish and partly by the weekly payments of the children. At Bury Town, in this parish, there is a camp; and some amour, in the possession of Mr. Bengner, a farmer there, was dug from a barrow near the camp. The manorial rights are divided, and there are a number of landowners with separate holdings. The soils is chiefly clay and stone brash. The chief crops are grass, wheat, barley, beans and roots. The population in 1861 was 806; the area is 2,242 acres.

Oldcroft is a quarter of mile south; Cold Harbour, half a mile south; Groundwell, 1 mile south; Hyde, 2 miles south-east; Bury Town one mile north-east.

Parish clerk, James Bradfield.

Letters from Highworth, the nearest money order office is in Cricklade.

Parochial School, James Bradfield, master

Carriers :- John Thomas, through from Highworth to Cirencester, Monday; Stephen Clarke, from Highworth to Cricklade, Wednesday.

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Crowdy	Henry C.	Esq.		Oldcroft
Middleditch	Edward T.	Esq.		Blunston House

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Austin	John		Carpenter	
Austin	John		Wheelwright	
Benger	William E.		Farmer	Bury Town
Boulton	William		Shopkeeper	
Bradfield	James		Schoolmaster	
Brooks	William		Farmer	
Clarke	Stephen		Carrier	
Day	James		Stone Mason	
Deacon	Joseph		Hawker	
Edmonds	John		Farmer	
Eggleton	James		Blacksmith	
Hall	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Farmer	
Hall	Thomas		Publican	Crown Inn
Hall	William		Corn Dealer	
Hall	William		Shopkeeper	
Hiett	William		Shopkeeper	

Knapp	E.		Publican	De Windt Arms
Hornblow	William		Haulier	
Hunt	William		Farmer	
Hunt	William		Baker	
Jarvis	Richard		Blacksmith	
Keene	Israel		Shopkeeper	
Large	William		Farmer	
Legg	William		Shoemaker	
Lucy	Thomas		Farmer	
McMahon	John B.		Horse Dealer	
Manners	Alfred		Farmer	
Merrett	William		Wheelwright	
Merrett	John		Carpenter	
Painter	Isaac		Farmer	
Ponting	Stephen		Stone Mason	
Radway	William		Drillman	
Rogers	John		Shoemaker	
Smith	Thomas		Farmer	Bury Town
Thomas	John		Carrier	
Titcomb	Edward		Farmer	Hyde
Tombs	Henry		Thatcher	
Townsend	William		Farmer	
Webb	Robert		Cattle Dealer	