



# Post Office Directory Extract 1875

## Compton Bassett



**Compton Bassett** is a small parish and rural village in the Northern division of the county, Calne hundred, union and county court district, diocese of Salisbury, archdeaconry of Wilts, and rural deanery of Avebury, 2½ miles north-east from Calne, and 8 south from Wootton Bassett.

The church of St Swithin is in the Norman and Perpendicular styles, with chancel, nave, aisles and tower with 5 bells, and rich stone Tudor rood-screen. The chancel has been rebuilt, and a stained glass window inserted in memory of the late rector. The register dates from 1558. The living is a rectory, yearly value £560, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held by the Rev. John William Clarke, M.A. of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.

Here is a good mixed National school, with residence for the master and mistress.

Compton House, with extensive park and pleasure grounds, is the seat of George Heneage Walker Heneage, esq., J.P., who is lord of the manor and the principal landowner.

The soil is chalky; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and turnips. The area is 2,632 acres; rateable value, £4,414; the population in 1871 was 357.

PARISH CLERK                                    George White

POST OFFICE                                     Samuel Rossiter

Letters arrive through Calne at 7 am.; dispatched at 7 pm. The nearest money order office is at Calne.

NATIONAL SCHOOL (boys & girls)    Herbert Bates                            Master  
   Mrs Mary Bates                         Mistress

### Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Clarke	John William	Rev. M.A.		Rectory
Heneage	George Heneage Walker	J.P.		Compton House

### Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bodman	Henry		Farmer	
Bridges	William		Farmer	Cowitch farm
Bridges	William P jun.		Farmer	
Bush	William		Baker & grocer	<i>White Horse Inn</i>
Coleman	William		Farm bailiff to George Heneage Walker Heneage, esq.	
Green	James		Carpenter	
Jefferies	John		Farmer	
Osborn	William		Farmer	Breach farm
Rawlings	John		Farmer	
Rawlings	Thomas		Farmer	
Rossiter	Samuel		Blacksmith & post office	
Rumming	Henry		Farmer	
Salter	William		Farmer	Noland's farm
Sloper	Albert Mark		Farmer	Freeth farm
White	Susanna	Mrs	Farmer	