



# Post Office Directory Extract 1875



## Garsdon

**Garsdon** is a scattered village and parish within the parliamentary borough of Malmesbury, in the Northern division of the county, hundred, union and county court district of Malmesbury, diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, archdeaconry of Bristol, and rural deanery of Malmesbury North, 4½ miles west from Minety station, and 2¼ north-east from Malmesbury.

The church of All Saints is in good repair, pleasantly situated on an eminence. It consists of chancel, nave, with porch, and a square embattled tower containing 5 bells. In the chancel is a monumental slab to Sir Lawrence Washington, Knt., (ancestor of the celebrated George Washington, the American patriot), who was buried here in 1643. The register dates from 1737. The living is a rectory, with the vicarage of Lea annexed, joint yearly value, including the glebe lands, £441, in the patronage of John W Gale, esq., and held by the Rev. Henry Gale, LL.D., of Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

The Primitive Methodists have a chapel here. Drain tiles are made here. In this parish is an old mansion, formerly the residence of the Earl Ferrers.

The Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire is lord of the manor and the principal landowner.

The soil is various. The chief crops are wheat, barley and roots.

The area is 1,137 acres; rateable value, £1,600; the population in 1871 was 203.

PARISH CLERK                      John Slade

LETTERS            through Malmesbury, which is the nearest money order office.  
The pillar letter box is cleared at 7.20 pm. week days only.

### Private Resident

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Gale	Henry	Rev., LL.D.		Rectory

### Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Freegard	James		Farmer	Park farm
Greenhill	Richard		Farmer	Heath farm
Kaynes	Richard		Farmer	
Maidment	George		Farmer	Manor farm
Stonehouse	Thomas		Shopkeeper & mason	
Stratton	Edward		Cooper & carpenter	
Tidmarsh	Mark		Miller	