



Swindon & District Directory Extract 1928

Grafton, Great Bedwyn



GRAFTON is a civil parish formed under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1894. Comprising East Grafton, West Grafton, Marten, Wilton, Wexcombe, Wolfhall and part of Kinwardstone, it is situated in the Devizes Division of Wiltshire, Petty Sessional Division of Marlborough, Union and County Court Division of Hungerford, and Diocese of Salisbury. The station on the G.W.R. At East Grafton is about 7 miles from Marlborough and 8 from Hungerford. The Church of St. Nicholas is a modern stone building in the Norman style, and the register dates from the year 1844. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value, £306, in the gift of the Vicar of Great Bedwyn. A Wesleyan Chapel is situated at Wilton, and, there are Primitive Methodist Chapels at Wexcombe and West Grafton. An Elementary School for 120 children was built at East Grafton in 1840, Wolfhall or Wulphall, was the ancient seat of the Seymours, one of whom, Sir John Seymour, who died in 1536, had three children, all of whom became remarkable. Thomas Seymour married Katherine Parr, widow of King Henry VIII., a monarch who visited Wulphall with his entire Court in 1539. The principal landowners of the parish are the Marquis of Alesbury, Mr. E. J. Gordon Crees and Messrs. Hosier Bros. Area, 5,737 acres; rateable value, £5,135; population 611. Letters arrive through Marlborough and are despatched at 9 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. weekdays. There is a Money Order and Telegraph Office at East Grafton, whilst postal orders are issued and paid at Wilton.

WEXCOMBE is a hamlet 2 miles south-east.

VICAR – Rev. H. S. Arrowsmith.

SUB-POSTMASTER and SUB-POSTMISTRESS – Mr. Davies (East Grafton) and Mrs. E. Hoare (Wilton).

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Ackling		Mrs.		Wilton
Arrowsmith	H. S.	Rev.		The Vicarage, East Grafton
Cady	H.			East Grafton
Cady	J.			East Grafton
Cousins		Mrs.		Wilton
Cress	H.		Retired Farmer	Manor House, Marten
Cross	S.		Bailiff	West Grafton
Derham	F,		Retired Schoolmaster	Wilton
Gauntlett		Mrs.		Manor Farm, East Grafton
Giddings		Mrs.	Parish Nurse	Grafton
Gillett	D.		Station Master	East Grafton
Hoare	F.		Baker's Assistant	
Hosler	A.			Upper Farm, Wexcombe
Hosler	J.			Manor Farm, Wexcombe
Joel		Mrs.		Mill House, Marten
Lewis	J.		Retired Farmer	Victoria House, Wilton
Newnham	E.	Miss	Schoolmistress	
Pimblott	M. M.	Mrs.	Assistant Schoolmistress	East Grafton
Sheppard		Misses		East Grafton
Stone		Colonel		Wexcombe
Twyford		Major		East Grafton
Wells		Mrs.		The Mill, Wilton

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Adams	W.		Farmer	Marten
Astley		Miss.	Saddler & Harness Maker	East Grafton
Bushnell	J.		Coal Dealer	East Grafton

Crees	E. J. Gordon		Farmer	Manor Farm Marten Residence Mill House, Marten
Edwards	F. T,		Farmer	Manor Farm, Wilton
Farmer	W.		Carpenter	Marten
Foord	T.		Farmer	East Grafton
Gauntlett	W.		Farmer	White Horse
Gent	F.		Farmer	Wolfhall
Gilbert	S.		Saddler	West Grafton
Goddard	F.		Publican	Swan Inn, Wilton
Grace		Mrs.	Publican	Nag's Head Inn, Marten
Hewitt	W.		Poultry Farmer	East Grafton
Hitchman	R.		Farmer	Freewarren
Hoare		Mrs.	Grocer & Baker	Post Office, Wilton
Hooper	B.		Farmer	Wilton
Hope	M.		Haulier & Farmer	West Grafton
Lovelock	E.		Parish Clerk & Agent for the "North Wilts Herald"	
Marshall	T.		Small Holder	Wilton
Norris		Mrs.	Farmer	West Grafton
Pearce	H.		Farmer	West Grafton
Sheppard	T.		Blacksmith	Wilton
Smith	F.		Baker & Grocer	East Grafton
Vines	F.		Farmer	Wilton