



Post Office Directory Extract 1855

Great Chalfield



GREAT CHALFIELD is a township and parish in the Hundred, Union and Division of Bradford, North Wilts, situated 3 miles north-east of Bradford, 3 west of Melksham, 9 east of Bath, containing 706 acres of arable and pasture land, and a population according to the census of 1851, of 28 souls. The old Manor House is said by Walker ("Examples of Gothic Architecture") to be one of the most interesting specimens of domestic Gothic architecture in England. It was built in the reign of Henry VI., about 1460. The barns and farm buildings on the right were built in Queen Elizabeth's time. The house was built by Thomas Troppell. Within a century, his descendant, an only son, being at men's estate, died by an accident while hunting; he put a pair of dog-couples over his head, and leaping a hedge, the end of the couple caught in a bough, and kept him from the ground till he was strangled. The motto of the family was "Le Jong Tyran Bellement" - sadly prophetic of the end of the last hope of this wealthy and ancient family. It is now converted into a farm residence. The living, in the diocese of Sarum, is a rectory, valued at £164, in the gift of Lady Neale; the incumbent is the Rev. Richard Warner, rector of Chellwood, Somerset, where he resides; the Rev. George Mullins, M.A., is the curate, and resides at Corsham. He church, a small but ancient structure, consists of a nave and chancel, and has a small ornamented steeple, containing 1 bell, at the western end of the building. The interior presents a neat and clean appearance; a handsome screen divides the chancel from the nave and the eastern window is filled with stained glass. The parish register commences in the year 1545; it has been kept in exact order down to the present time. Lady Neale is the lady of the manor.

LITTLE CHALFIELD with **COTTLES** is an extra-parochial place, in the same jurisdiction, situated 2 miles north of Bradford, 4 west of Melksham, and 9 east of Bath, containing 511 acres of arable and pasture land, and 40 inhabitants. **COTTLES HOUSE** is the seat of Robert Blagden Hale, sq. There are 239 acres of land in Cottles.

Letters through Melksham. The nearest money order offices are at Bradford and Melksham.

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Traders

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
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| Chapman | Samuel | | Parish Clerk | |
| Hulbert | Thomas | | Farmer | |
| Spackman | William | | Farmer & Miller | |

Little Chalfield

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
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| Hale | Robert Blagden | Esq. | | Cottles House |
| Spencer | Walter | | Farmer | |