



Swindon & District Directory Extract 1928

Great Somerford



HAVING a station on the Malmesbury branch of the G.W.R., Great Somerford is 4 miles from Malmesbury and 7 from Chippenham, in the Chippenham Division of Wilts, Malmesbury Union, Petty Sessional Division and County Court District, and Diocese of Bristol. The Church of St. Peter and St. Paul has a register dating from 1707, and the living is a rectory and the net annual value of £360 and residence (291 acres of glebe land were sold and the proceeds invested), in the gift of Exeter College, Oxford. There are Primitive Methodist Chapels here and at Startley. The executors of the late Col. A. T. Miller, The Manor, Lady Cowley, Mr. R. Cattarns, Mr. W. R. Woolford and Mr. F. Cole, and the representatives of Mr. B. Porter and Messrs. C. and E. Porter are chief landowners. Area, 1,660 acres; rateable value, £2,239; population on 1921, 421. Letters arrive through Chippenham and are despatched at 1 p.m. and 8.20 p.m.

STARTLEY is a hamlet one mile west.

RECTOR – Canon F. H. Manley, M.A.

POSTMISTRESS – Mrs. A. Young.

SCHOOLMISTRESS – Mrs. Merryfield.

CLERK TO PARISH COUNCIL – C. G. H. Perry (Malmesbury).

Gentry/Private Residents

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Barton | A. G. | | | Startley |
| Blake | | Mrs. | | West Villa |
| Carter Gifford | | Mrs. | | |
| Cattarns | Richard | | | Broome Villa |
| Champion | W. | | | Church Farm |
| Cole | F. | | | Brook Farm |
| Cole | J. | | | Startley |
| Collingborn | H. | | | Grove Farm Startley |
| Couzens | E. J. | | Builder's Manager | |
| Dee | P. J. | | | New Leaze Farm, Seagry Heath |
| Godwin | G. | | | White Lodge Farm, Startley |
| Harris | G. | | Postman | |
| Hutton | A. | | Stud Groom | The Cottages |
| Kinchin | | Mrs. | | Dauntsey Road |
| Lewis | | Mrs. | | Startley |
| Manley | F. H. | Canon, M.A. | | The Rectory |
| Peapell | A. P. | | | Manor Cottage |
| Porter | A. | | | Hollow Street |
| Porter | C. | | | Manor Cottage |
| Porter | E. | | | Downfield Farm |
| Porter | J. | | | Goose Green Farm |
| Simmons | F. | | | West Street Farm |
| Tanner | R. | Mrs. | | The Mount |
| Tanner | T. | | | |
| Vines | | Mrs. | | West Street |
| Woolford | W. R. | | | West Street Farm |
| Young | A. | | Village Postman | |

Traders

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|----------|-------------|--------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| | | Martin Bros. | Carpenters & Builders | Startley |
| Barnes | A. B. | Miss | Publican | Volunteer Inn |
| Barnes | W. D. | | Farmer | |
| Barton | B. | | Farmer | Startley |
| Brown | A. | | Boot & Shoe Maker & Shopkeeper | |
| Cole | E. | | Small Holder | Startley |
| Couzens | E. | Mrs. | Organist | |
| Curtis | A. L. | | Coal Merchant | |
| Day | A. H. | | Wheelwright &c. | |
| Dee | C. | Mrs. | Farmer & Dealer | |
| Fletcher | H. A. | | Farmer | Seagry Heath |
| Franklin | W. | | Blacksmith | |
| Fraying | W. | | Farmer | Startley |
| Greenway | G. | Mrs. | Laundress | |
| Gregory | G. | | Blacksmith | |
| Lafin | C. | | Publican | Mason's Arms Inn |
| Lewis | A. W. J. | | Blacksmith | |
| Martin | S. G. | | Farmer | Startley |
| Martin | W. E. | | Mason | Startley |
| Parsons | E. | Mrs. | Dressmaker | |
| Parsons | M. | | Shoemaker | |
| Parsons | W. | | Shoemaker | |
| Pearce | F. | | Carpenter &c. | |
| Porter | B. | Mrs. | Butcher | Manor Farm |
| Reynolds | W. C. | | Farmer | Startley |
| Turtle | W. | | Carpenter | |
| Withers | W. | | Harness Maker | |
| Young | A. | Mrs. | Shopkeeper & Postmistress | |