



Post Office Directory Extract 1875



Holt

Holt is a pleasant village, and ecclesiastical parish, formed in 1846, in the civil parish, hundred, union, and county court district of Bradford, Salisbury diocese, Wilts archdeaconry and Potterne rural deanery, 2 miles north-east from Bradford, 2¼ north from Trowbridge and 3 south-west from Melksham.

The church of St Catherine is an ancient stone structure and consists of chancel, nave and aisles with square embattled tower and 5 bells, the east window, and one in the south aisle, are of stained glass. The register dates from 1580. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £180, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Bristol, and held by the Rev. Herbert Henry Moseley, B.A., of St John's College, Cambridge.

There is a National school, and a chapel and school for Independents, and a substantial stone building erected in 1873 for a reading room for the working classes.

The manufacture of fine woollen cloths is carried on in the village to a large extent by Mr Gordon Jones.

Thomas B W Forster, esq., who is lord of the manor, the Rev. Edward B Edgell and Robert S Chapman, esq., are the principal landowners.

The soil is rich loam; subsoil, clay. The chief crops are wheat and pasture.

The area is 1,820 acres and the population in 1871 was 838.

POST & MONEY ORDER & TELEGRAPH OFFICE, Savings Bank & Government Insurance & Annuity Office

John Godwin

Postmaster

Letters through Trowbridge, arrive at 7.45 am. & 2.45 pm. & dispatched at 11 am. & 7 pm.

NATIONAL SCHOOL Miss Annie Backhouse Mistress

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL Miss Helen Long Mistress

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Beavan	Albert James	Mrs		The Elms
Beavan	Edwin Charles			Fir Lawn
Beavan	Frederick Thomas			The Retreat
Beavan	James			
Beavan	Thomas	Mrs		Springfield
Bowen		Mrs		
Davis		Miss		
Eastcott		Mrs		
Forster	Thomas B W			Manor House
Jones	Gordon			
Laxton	William	Rev., M.A.	Rector of Atworth	
Moseley	Herbert Henry	Rev., B.A.		
Smith	William	Rev.	Independent	

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bailey	Edward		Carpenter	
Bailey	Francis		Farmer	
Bailey	John		Farmer	Hall's farm
Bailey	Walter		Farmer	
Beavan	James & Thomas		Woolstaplers, fellmongers, leather dressers, glove & gaiter manufacturers	
Chapman	Edward		Farmer	
Chapman	John		Market gardener	
Deverell	Eliza	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Deverell	William			<i>Three Lions</i>
Fricker	William		Tailor	
Gerrish	Mary	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Godwin	Edwin		Farmer	Hunt's Hall
Godwin	James		Organist	
Godwin	John		Shoe maker & postmaster	
Harding	John		Smith	
Harding	John	Jun	Grocer	
Hares	Charles		Shopkeeper	
House	Edmund Charles		Baker	
Hunt	James		Brewer & maltster	
Jones	Gordon		Woollen manufacturer	
King	James		Butcher	
Lindsey	William Henry			<i>New Inn</i>
Moon	Anna Maria	Miss	Linen draper	
Pocock	Joshua		Farmer	
Sartin	Stephen		Plumber &c.	
Sawtell	Ann	Mrs	Feather & flock dealer	
Scrine	Edward		Plasterer	
Trueman	Anna	Mrs		<i>White Hart</i>
Woodman	Thomas		Plasterer & tiler	