



# Post Office Directory Extract 1875



## Knook

Knook, a township, parish and village, on the banks of the Wylde, in the Southern division of the county, Warminster Union and county court district, hundred of Heytesbury, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, and rural deanery of Wylde, 1 mile south-east from Heytesbury, 5 miles south-east from Warminster, and 119 from London.

The church of St. Margaret is a small ancient structure, in mixed styles; it has a chancel, nave, and a north porch, having a small tower rising out of it, with 1 bell. The register dates from 1687. The living is a vicarage, annexed to that of Heytesbury, joint yearly value £350, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury; the Rev. John Knight, M.A., of Queens' College, Cambridge.

Knook Castle is an earthwork on the brow of an eminence, about 2 miles northward of Heytesbury; near it is Old Ditch, which, commencing at Westbury Leigh, stretches, with few interruptions, across Salisbury Plain to Durnford, on the river Avon. The site of two villages, which were connected by means of Old Ditch, is pointed out on Knook Down; the spot is marked by great cavities and irregularities of ground.

Lord Heytesbury is lord of the manor and the sole landowner.

The soil is various, some is light, other clay; subsoil, chalk and stone. The chief crops are wheat, oats and barley.

The area is 1,440 acres; gross estimated rental, £1,811; rateable value, £1, 602; and the population in 1871 was 176.

ANSTROW HILL, 2 miles north-east, was a Roman establishment.

Parish Clerk – Joseph Williams

Letters arrive by foot messenger from Heytesbury at 7 a.m. The nearest money order office is Heytesbury; the nearest letter box Upton Lovell.

### Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Barnes	John B.		Shoemaker	Knook
Everly	Elizabeth	Mrs	Shopkeeper	Knook
Gifford	James Brown		Farmer	Knook
Jeffrey	Stephen		Farmer	Knook
Searchfield	William		Carpenter	Knook