



Kellys Directory Extract 1867

Steeple Ashton



Steeple Ashton is a large and considerable village, parish, and petty sessional division, in the Northern division of the county, hundred of Whorwellsdown, Westbury union, county court district of Trowbridge, rural deanery of Pottern, archdeaconry of Wilts, and diocese of Salisbury, 4 miles east from Trowbridge, 5 miles south from Melksham, 105 from London, 9 south-west from Devizes, and 10 from Warminster. The church of St. Mary is a noble Gothic stone structure, with buttresses and crocketed pinnacles, and consists of naïve, north and south aisles, chancel, and square embattled tower containing 6 bells and a clock: it was built in the latter end of the fifteenth century. The register dates from 1538. The living is a vicarage, with the chapelry of Semington annexed, joint annual value £852, in the gift of the Master of Magdalen College, Cambridge, and held by the Rev. Richard Crawley, M.A., of that college. Here is a National school; also, a Primitive Methodist and a Baptist Chapel. Richard Pentuddocke Long, Esq., M.P., of Rood Ashton House, West Ashton, is lord of the manor and principal landowner. Fossils have been found in large quantities in the parish at various times. The Kennet Canal lies 2 miles north. The special and petty sessions of the peace for the division of Steeple Ashton, West Ashton, Hinton, Keevil, Bulkington, North Bradley, Southwick, East Coulston, West Coulston, Tinhead, Baynton, and Edington are held on the first Monday of every month at the 'Long's Arms.' HINTON is a tithing of this parish. DUNGE is one mile south-east.

Parish Clerk - Thomas Howell.

Post Office - Silas Blake, receiver. Letters are received through Trowbridge at 9 a.m.; dispatched at 6 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Trowbridge.

Magistrates for the division – Richard P. Long, Esq., M.P.; Rev. Richard Crawley, M.A.; Richard Walmesley, Esq., Rev. T. H. Tait, M.A.; Lieutenant-Colonel J. W. Wallington. Clerk, Alfred Hale.

National School, Miss Hannah Peters, mistress.

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Crawley	Richard	Rev., M.A., J.P.	Clergyman & Magistrate	Vicarage
Cutcliffe	John C.	Esq.		
Long	Richard P.	Esq., M.P.	Member of Parliament & Magistrate	
Seale	Job Lockyer		M.D.	
Tait	T. H.	Rev., M.A.	Magistrate	
Wallington	J. W.	Lieutenant- Colonel	Magistrate	
Walmesley	Richard	Esq.	Magistrate	

Commercial

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Ashby	George		Brewer	Long's Arms
Axford	John		Farmer	
Berrett	John		Farmer	
Blake	Silas		Post Office Receiver	
Blanchard	William		Farmer	
Bourne	Alfred		Farmer	
Cary	John		Farmer	
Case	Frederick		Grocer & Draper	

Deacon	Charles		Farmer	
Grant	William		Carrier	
Griffin	William		Publican	Rose & Crown
Hale	Alfred		Clerk to Magistrates & Land Steward to T. P. Long, Esq.	
Howell	Thomas		Parish Clerk	
Hunt	Henry		Farmer	
Line	Andrew		Farmer	
Maslen	George		Farmer	
Marrock	George		Carpenter	
Miles	Thomas		Shoemaker	
Millet	George		Baker & Grocer	
Moore	Edward		Smith	
Seale	Job Lockyer		Physician	
Sims	George		Farmer	
Smith	Sidney		Carpenter	
Usher	James		Plumber & Glazier	
Winslow	James		Farmer & Market Gardener	
Winslow	John		Farmer	
Winslow	Mary Ann	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	

Hinton

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Sims		Mrs.		

Commercial

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Blanchard	George		Farmer	
Cogswell	Benjamin		Wheelwright & Publican	New Inn
Kemp	James		Shoemaker	
Mathews	Alfred		Farmer	
Milsom	John		Farmer	
Sims	Henry		Farmer	
Twinney	George		Shoemaker	
Watts	John		Farmer	Partway
Watts	Thomas		Farmer	
Webb	Hannah	Mrs.	Grocer	