



Post Office Directory Extract 1855



Stratford Sub Castle

Stratford Under the Castle

A Parish in the Underditch Hundred, Alderbury Union, Wilton Parliamentary Borough, South Wilts. Situated on the River Avon, 2 miles N.W from Salisbury. The living is a vicarage in the archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury and patronage of the dean and chapter. The present incumbent is Rev Charles King M.A. The church is dedicated to St Lawrence. There is a small national school for girls and boys. The parish in 1851 contained 335 inhabitants including the borough of Old Sarum. The ancient borough of Old Sarum formerly a city was a fortress of the Native Britons. The town was 1 of 30 in this part of the island occupied by Belgae who were disposed by the Vespasian. By the Romans it was made a station for troops on the Icknield Street under the title of Sorbiodunum, in connection with other posts united by Military Roads. No less than 6 Roman Roads were said to have emerged from Sorbiodunum or Old Sarum. In the West Saxon period this city of the was termed Searobvrig and was the occasional residence of King Egbert. Under the Normans it was 3 times the seat of a council in 1086, 1089, 1116 and during the reign of William the Conqueror, the Episcopal see was translated here from Wilton; and about 1220 removed to Salisbury or New Sarum. The present appearance of Old Sarum is a desolate mound rising from a valley on the west and connected with a ridge towards the east. On the centre of the hill the citadel was placed, guarded by a deep fosse on the outside and a bold rampart within. The enclosed area about 500ft in diameter had on its eastern side the principle entrance with defensive works. A large area surrounded the citadel, which again was environed by a bank and a ditch; these enclosed the chief part of the city and measures 7 furlongs, 26 yards in circumference, containing an area of 27 and half acres of ground. The borough of Old Sarum returned two members to Parliament in the reign of Edward 1, and continued until the passing of the Reform Bill. Under a tree near the church of Stratford Under the Castle, is pointed out the spot where the members for the borough were elected. As much as £60,000 to £70,000 is said to have been paid for a small estate containing the sites of the houses within the borough of Old Sarum. It is now an extra parochial place with one house and four inhabitants.

Letters received through Salisbury, which is also the nearest money order office.

Gentry

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Alves	Caroline	Miss		
Bowen	Amelia	Mrs.		
Dundas	Eliza G	Mrs.		
King	Charles	Rev., M .A.		
Price		Mrs.		
Swayne	Henry James	Esq.		

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bedford	James		Nurseryman	
Gray	William		Publican	Stratford Inn
Marsh	John		Farmer	
Sutton	Job		Miller	
Titt	James		Blacksmith	
Waters	Edward		Farmer	