



Kellys Directory Extract 1889



Wilsford

WILSFORD (with Lake), near Amesbury, is a parish and village, situated on the river Avon, 2½ miles south-west from Amesbury, 5 north-west from Porton station on the South Western railway and 7 north from Salisbury, in the Southern division of the county, petty sessional division of Salisbury and Amesbury, Amesbury union, Salisbury county court district, rural deanery of Amesbury, archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury, The parish church of St. Michael was rebuilt, with the exception of the tower in, 1858, at the sole expense of Giles Loder, Esq.: it has a chancel, nave and south porch and Early Norman western tower containing 3 bells: the church contains monuments to the Duke family: there are 123 sittings, The register dates from the year 1618. The living is a vicarage, with that of Woodford annexed, joint yearly value from the tithe rent-charge £213, with residence at Woodford, at present occupied by the curate, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1882 by the Rev. Edward Duke, M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford, F.G.S., J.P. Wilts: The Ecclesiastical Commissioners allow £120 for a curate. On the downs are many barrows. Lake House, the seat of the Rev. Edward Duke, M.A., F.G.S., J.P. was erected by one of his ancestors in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and is a beautiful specimen of the style of the period; it is picturesquely situated, embosomed in woods: the park contains some fine elm trees. Wilsford House is a handsome mansion, the property of Sir Edmund Giles Loder, Bart. The Rev. Edward Duke, M.A., F.G.S., J.P is lord of the manor of Lake, and Sir Edmund Giles Loder, Bart. Of Whittlebury, Towcester, Northamptonshire, is lord of the manor of Wilsford. Sir Edmund Antrobus, Bart. of Amesbury, is lord of the manor of Normanton. The soil is light and chalky; subsoil chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 1,628 acres of land; rateable value, £1,175; The population in 1881 was 161.

Parish Clerk: Matthew Swatton.

Post Office, Lake. – John Brock, receiver. Letters through Salisbury, delivered at 7 a.m. & dispatched at 7.15 p.m. The nearest money order & telegraph office is Amesbury.

National School: (mixed), built in 1858, for 40 children; average attendance, 30; Miss Catherine Smith, mistress.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Duke	Edward	Rev. M.A., F.G.S., J.P.	Vicar	Lake House
Sidford	E.	Mrs.		
Smith	Catherine	Miss	National School Mistress	

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Brock	John		Miller (water)	Post Office Lake
Lawrence	William		Farmer	Normanton Farm
Sidford	Frank		Farmer	Wilsford & Lake Farm