Swindon county court district and petty sessional division, Swindon and Highworth union, rural deanery of Cricklade, archdeaconry of North Wilts and diocese of The church of St. Mary Magdalene is an ancient structure, partly in the Early English style, with traces of Norman work, and consists of chancel, nave, south transept, south porch and an embattled western tower with pinnacles, containing a clock and 3 bells: the church was restored under the direction of Mr. Belcher, architect, of London, at a cost of over £2,000, and affords sittings for 200 persons. The register dates from the year 1539. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £120, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Bristol, and held since 1889 by the Rev. Angus Macdonald. The vicarage was built and presented by Miss Bell. There is a Wesleyan chapel. Miss Bell, of the Manor House, who is lady of the manor, John Ashfordby-Trenchard esq. and Sir Frederick G.

Banbury bart. M.P. of Warneford Place, Highworth, are the principal landowners. The soil is clay; subsoil, stone brash. The crops are chiefly grass. The area is 1,833 acres; rateable value, £9,873; the population in 1901 was 348.

Rowborough, a Roman settlement, is half a mile south-east.

Post Office.—John Crook Peapell, sub-postmaster. Letters from Swindon arrive at 7 a.m. & 3.5 p.m.; sundays, 8 a.m.; dispatched at 7.10 p.m.; sundays at 8 a.m. Stratton St. Margaret, 2 miles distant, is the nearest money order & telegraph office

Elementary School (mixed), erected in 1873, at the cost of A. Bell esq. for 80 children, & enlarged by Miss Bell in 1895, for 99; average attendance, 67; Miss Annie Cross, mistress

Carrier to Swindon.—William Bridges, tues. fri. & sat

Bell Miss, Manor house Helwood Miss, Drayton house Macdonald Rev. Angus (vicar), Vicarage Sharps Frank, Oxlease house Sharps Mrs. Yew Tree house COMMERCIAL. Beasley John, beer retailer

Bridges Wm. market gdnr. & carrier Pike Sidney Charles, farmer Burbidge Enos, farmer The Collingbourne Bernard John, farmer Greenaway Arthur, farmer, Home frm Tilling John, Carriers' Arms P.H Jeeves Charles, farmer Ody Mrs. farmer

Banwell Edwin, farmer, Huntscoppice Parsons Hy. frmr. Burton Grove frm Wildern Frederick George, farmer, Peapell John Crook, grocer, & post off Marston farm

Snook Albert, assistant overseer & farmer, The Priory Collins Jn. farmer, Quarry Fern farm | Tayler Sidney Robt.frmr.Rowboro'frm Westell John, dairyman & farmer, Manor farm

MARTIN is a parish formerly in Wiltshire, but by the | tion (No. 12) Act, 1895," it has been transferred to "Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirma- | Hampshire.

county, but transferred to Hampshire by the "Local | (No. 12) Act, 1895."

MELCHET PARK is a parish formerly in this | Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation

# MELKSHAM

MELKSHAM is a market and county court town, and head of a petty sessional division, and civil parish, with a station on the Wilts, Somerset and Weymouth branch of the Great Western railway, 100 miles from London, 30 north-west from Salisbury, 6 north-east from Bradford, 5 north-east from Trowbridge, 7 west from Devizes, 9½ from Westbury, 14 north from Warminster, 12 east from Bath, 7 south from Chippenham and 5 south-south-east from Corsham, in the Western division of the county, hundred of the same name, Trowbridge and Melksham union, rural deanery of Potterne (Bradford portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury.

During the West Saxon era this was a place of considerable note; at the period of the Norman survey and for several subsequent reigns it was held in royal demesne, and gave name to an extensive forest. town is on the main road from London through Devizes to Bath, and consists principally of one street nearly a mile in length; it was from 1878 under the control of a Local Board, but under the provisions of the "Local Government Act, 1894" (56 & 57 Vict. c. 73), it is now governed by an Urban District Council, and is well paved and lighted with gas by a company, and well supplied with water by the Trowbridge Water Company; the houses are built of soft freestone, but are irregularly placed. The river Avon divides the town and is crossed by a handsome bridge of four arches, with light and elegant balustrades. The Wilts and Berks canal passes on the east of the town, and about 13 miles southward joins the Kennet and Avon canal, but is not now navigable.

Under the provisions of the "Local Government Act, 1894," the ancient parish of Melksham was, by Local Government Board Order, No. 31,684, dated 30th September, 1894, divided into two parishes, known as Melksham Within and Melksham Without, the former being the area of the Urban District.

There are two mineral springs, one saline and the other chalybeate, in the vicinity; and in 1816 a new saline spa was obtained by boring to a depth of 3513 feet; it was anticipated that Melksham would advance into note in consequence of the medicinal qualities these waters possessed, and every accommodation for visitors was provided, including a pump-room, hot and cold baths, a handsome crescent and an agreeable promenade; but after a very great outlay, the wells did not prove attractive and are now little used.

The church of St. Michael is a spacious edifice of freestone, which dates from the Norman period, but is now chiefly in the Perpendicular style, and consists of Norman chancel, nave of five bays, aisles, north porch, and an embattled tower with pinnacles, containing 8 bells: it was restored and enlarged in 1840, when the

central tower was removed and the present tower built at the west end; and again restored in 1881: in 1891 the church was reseated and new floored, the oaken roof opened, and a carved oak screen and brass lectern were then given by C. F. Rumboll esq. M.D.: in 1894 the reredos was restored at considerable cost by the trustees of the late Sir John Awdry, and in 1897 a stained window was placed by Mrs. Stewart, of Lowbourne, in memory of her father, the late General Moule: the stained west window was erected in 1899, and in 1903 a memorial window was placed in the aisle to those parishioners who fell during the campaign in S. Africa 1899-1902: the organ was rebuilt in 1903, and an oak screen fitted at the west end: in 1907 a handsome alabaster font was provided: there are 600 sittings. The register dates from the year 1560. The living is a vicarage, net income £250, with 3 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury, and held since 1890 by the Rev. Edwin George Wyld B.A. of Exeter College, Oxford, hon. canon of Salisbury, and surrogate. St. Andrew's chapel, about mile from the town, erected at the sole expense of the late Rev. E. L. Barnwell, of Melksham House, for the use of the district of Sandridge and Melksham Forest, is a building in the Early English style, from plans given by the late G. E. Street esq. R.A. and consists of chancel, nave, south porch, and a western turret containing one bell: there are 200 sittings.

The Society of Friends' meeting house, King street, erected in 1734, has 300 seats.

The Baptist chapel, Broughton road, founded in 1669, has 380 sittings. Ebenezer Baptist chapel, Union street, erected in 1835, will seat 150 persons. chapel, Forest, erected in 1839, has seats for 150 persons.

The Congregational chapel, Market place, founded in 1773, has 400 sittings.

The Primitive Methodist chapel, Forest, will seat 150 persons.

The Wesleyan chapel, Market place, erected in 1872, has 450 sittings, and that in Semington lane, built in 1896, will seat 100.

There is a non-sectarian chapel at Sandridge.

The Town Hall, now the property of Charles Awdry esq. was erected in 1847 by a company of shareholders at an expense of £3,350, and is a spacious and wellarranged edifice of white freestone, in the Italian style. 3 The New Hall, in the Market place, erected by Miss Fowler, is a structure of Bath stone, and is used for lectures and meetings; it will hold 200 persons. market is held on every alternate Tuesday in the month for cattle, sheep and pigs. A fair for cattle, sheep and horses is held in the Market place on the 27th of July.

The manufacture of mattings, mats, rope, twine, and sacking is also carried on here.

The Freemasons' Hall in Church street, was erected in 1897 by the brethren of the Lodge, in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

The Cottage Hospital, established here in 1868, was rebuilt in 1895, the cost being defrayed by H. G. White esq. of Whitley; it contains 10 beds and 1 cot.

Bruges' charity of about £20 yearly, half of which goes to Seend, is distributed in blankets by the vicar and churchwardens at Christmas. There are also two small charities, left by the Rev. Bohun Fox and Mr. Pritchard respectively, for the benefit of the poor and distributed at the discretion of the vicar.

The principal landowners are the Right Hon. Walter Hume Long P.C., M.P. of Rood Ashton House, who is lord of the manor, Mrs. Ludlow-Bruges, of Seend, Field-Marshal Lord Methuen G.C.B., G.C.V.O., C.M.G. of Corsham Court, Hon. Mrs. George Lopes, of Sandridge

Post, M. O. & T O. & Telephonic Express Delivery Office, High street.—Frederick Smart, postmaster

Dispatch of Letters.—Day mail, 9.15 & 11.10 a.m. & 2.25, 5.30, 6.55, 8.15 & 9.15 p.m.; sundays, 9.15 a.m

Delivery of Letters.—7 & 9.30 a.m. & 12.30 & 6.30 p.m.; sundays, 7 a.m

Town Sub-Post & M. O. Office, Bath road.—W. Crook, sub-postmaster. Box cleared 6.25, 8.55 & 10.50 a.m. & 2.10, 5.25 & 8.45 p.m. week days only

Post Office, Beanacre.—Mrs. Christiana Edwards, subpostmistress. Letters arrive through Melksham 7 a.m. & 4.30 p.m.; sundays, 9.30 a.m. Box cleared 10.15 a.m. & 7.15 p.m.; sundays, 10.15 a.m. Melksham is the nearest telegraph & money order office, 12 miles distant

COUNTY MAGISTRATES FOR MELKSHAM DIVISION. Stancomb John Frederick esq. D.L. Shaw house, Melksham, chairman

Bell William Heward esq. F.G.S., D.L. Cleve house, Seend, Melksham

Blathwayt George W. W. esq. Melksham ho. Melksham Fuller Robert Fleetwood esq. Neston park, Corsham

Keir William Ingram esq. F.R.C.S. The Limes, Melksham Rumboll Charles Fredk. M.D. Lowbourne house, Melkshm Stratton Alfred esq. Cray croft, Melksham

The chairman, for the time being, of the Melksham Rural District Council, is an ex-officio magistrate.

Clerk to the Magistrates, Ernest Dalton Burrough Locke, High street.

Petty Sessions are held at the Town hall on the first thursday in each month, & daily for criminal business commencing at 11 a.m

The following places are included in the petty sessional division:-Melksham Within & Melksham Without, Shaw & Whitley, also Seend, Semington (with Littleton) & Whaddon

## URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Meetings held at the Council office, Spa road, the first friday in every month at 7 p.m.

# Members.

Chairman, Alfred Stratton. Vice-Chairman, James Edward Bush.

Retire in April, 1912.

James E. Bush Henry Davis '

William H. House Herbert W. Tayler

Retire in April, 1913.

Frederick H. Knee Charles William Maggs

Alfred Stratton F. Thomas Swanborough

Retire in April, 1914.

Rev. Cecil Mead-Allen Fred Raines

Tom Scott George Stratton

# Officers.

Clerk, Alexander Gough Smith, Spa road Treasurer, Gilbert W. Harding, Wilts & Dorset Bank Medical Officer of Health, William Ingram Keir L.R.C.P. Edin. The Limes Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector, Arthur E. A. Bush, Bath road. Collector, Frank Usher Greenhill, King street

House. The area of Melksham Within civil parish and Urban

Park, and Charles Awdry esq. of East Lavington Manor

District is 465 acres of land and 11 of water; rateable value, £11,104; the population in 1901 was 2,450.

The population of the ecclesiastical parish in 1901 was

3,964.

The area of Melksham Without civil parish is 7,894 acres of land and 46 of water; rateable value, £16,274; the population in 1901 was 2,238.

The parish was originally divided into 7 tithings, Shaw and Whitley, Beanacre, Blackmore, Woolmore, Canhold,

Woodrow, and the town tithing.

BEANACRE is a tithing, I mile north-west. Here is the mission church of St. Barnabas, built in 1887, and having 100 sittings; and a Baptist chapel, erected in 1839. BLACKMORE, I mile south-east, is also a tithing, and here is the mission chapel of St. Andrew, erected in 1887, and capable of holding 100 persons; the schoolroom adjoining was built in 1890.

#### OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, LOCAL INSTITUTIONS &c.

MELKSHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Meets at the Board room, Semington, every fourth wednesday, at 12.30 p.m.

Chairman, W. Heward Bell D.L., J.P. Seend, Melksham Clerk, William John Mann, Union street, Trowbridge Treasurer, William Lucke, Capital & Counties Bank, Trowbridge

Medical Officer of Health, William Ingram Keir L.R.C.P.

Edin. The Limes, Melksham

Sanitary Inspector & District Surveyor, Frank Usher Greenhill, King street

#### POLICE.

Police Station, Market place, John Eeles, inspector The police force consists of an inspector & 7 constables, placed as follows:—An inspector & 2 constables at Melksham, & a constable each at Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Melksham Forest, Semington & Seend

#### PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS.

County Court, His Honor Gwynne James LL.D. judge; Alexander Gough Smith, registrar & acting high bailiff; Jesse Smith-Keen, Bath road, assistant bailiff. The court is held at the Town hall once in two months. The district includes the following places:— Atworth, Beanacre, Blackmore, Bowerhill, Broughton Gifford, The Forest, Littleton, Melksham, Red Stocks, Sandridge, Seend, Semington, Shaw, Whaddon, Whitley & Woodrow

For Bankruptcy purposes this court is included in that of Bath, Charles Henry King, Baldwin street, Bristol, official receiver

Cottage Hospital, William Ingram Keir F.R.C.S.Edin. Charles Frederick Rumboll M.D., B.S. Thomas Wood Locket M.A., M.B., B.C. & Ivan Cochrane Keir M.D., B.Ch. hon. medical officers; Charles William Maggs,

hon. sec New Hall, Market place, William Harris, caretaker Town Hall, Charles George Moule, sec. Market place Volunteer Fire Brigade, Market yard; keys kept at police station & at Joseph Jones's, Lowbourne; Henry Jones, Lowbourne, captain

## TERRITORIAL FORCE.

4th Battalion The Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment) (G Company), Capt. G. R. Blake, commanding, Market place

## PUBLIC OFFICERS. "

Assistant Overseer, Frank Usher Greenhill, North Bradley, King street

Certifying Factory Surgeon, Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator, Nos. 4 & 5 districts, Trowbridge & Melksham union, Wm. Ingram Keir L.R.C.P Edin. The Limes, Melksham

Clerk to Land Tax Commissioners & Clerk to Commissioners of Property Tax for Melksham division, Charles George Moule, Lowbourne

Collector of Poor Rates, Frank Usher Greenhill, King st Customs & Excise Officer, Robert J. M. Davies, Box Distributor of Stamps, Frederick Smart, High street

Inspector of Weights & Measures, F. Beardsley, Warminstr Medical Officer, No. 3 district, Trowbridge & Melksham union, Charles Frederic Rumboll M.D.Lowbourne house

Registrar of Births & Deaths, Melksham sub-district, Trowbridge & Melksham union, C. H. Taylor, Church walk; deputy, Frank Usher Greenhill, King street

Registrar of Marriages, Albert Edward Bigwood, Sandridge road

Relieving Officer & Collector to the Guardians, No. 2 district, Trowbridge & Melksham union, C. H. Taylor, Church walk

Town Crier, John Taylor, Lowbourne

#### PLACES OF WORSHIP, with times of Services.

St. Michael's Church, Church street, Rev. Canon Edwin George Wyld B.A. vicar; the Rev. Cecil John Mead-Allen M.A. & the Rev. Henry John Trevor L.Div. curates; sundays, morning prayer, 11 a.m.; evening, 6.30 p.m.; daily prayer, 10 a.m.; evensong, 6 p.m.; holy communion, 1st sunday at 8 & 11 a.m.; 2nd, 3rd & 4th at 8 a.m.; last at 7 & 8 a.m. & festivals, 7, 8 & II a.m

St. Andrew's Church, Forest, served from St. Michael's church; 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.; holy communion, 2nd

sunday 13 a.m. & 4th 8 a.m.

St. Barnabas Church, Beanacre, served from St. Michael's church; 6.15 p.m.; 3rd sunday 11 a.m.; holy communion, 1st sunday at 8 a.m. & 3rd sunday at 11 a.m. service

Friends' Meeting House, King street; clerk to the meeting, Edward T. Simpson; 11 a.m. & 6 p.m

Baptist, Broughton road, Rev. W. Harry Davies; 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; wed. 7 p.m.

Baptist, Beanacre; 6 p.m. Baptist, Forest; 6 p.m.

Particular Baptist (Ebenezer), Union street; 10.30 a.m.

& 6 p.m.; wed. 7 p.m Congregational, Market place, Rev. Thomas King; 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; thurs. 7.15 p.m.

Primitive Methodist, Forest; 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; thurs. 7 p.m

Wesleyan, Market place (Wilt-) shire Mission); 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; thurs. 7.30 p.m wesleyan, Semington lane (Wilt-

shire Mission); 6 p.m

Rev. Anthony C. Baker

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Melksham, Church street. The first school, built in 1840, is now used for girls & infants. In 1878 a building adjoining (originally an old tithe barn) was -utilised as a school for boys & will hold 200; average attendance, 145; girls & infants, 300; average attendance, 230; William Henry House, master; Miss Harriet Godwin, mistress; Mrs. B. Genders, infants' mistress

Sandridge & Forest (mixed), with residence for mistress, built in 1874, for 100 children; average attendance, 58; Miss Juliette Morgan, mistress

Lowbourne (mixed & infants), built in 1829, for 300 children; average attendance, 255; Frederick J. Watkins, master; Miss Clara Mills, infants' mistress

#### RAILWAY.

Great Western Station, Bath road, Edwin Charles Beard, station master; Sidney C. Burt, goods agent; Henry Gibbs, parcel agent

Omnibus to & from the 'King's Arms,' to meet the arrival & departure of the trains

Motor Omnibus, Bath & Devizes.—The Bath Electric Tramway Co. Limited, during the summer months

#### CABRIERS.

Bath—Edward Gibbs, from the Market place, at 8.30 a.m. every wed. & sat. returning same days, & during the summer the Bath Electric Tramway Co. Ltd. motor 'buses daily

Devizes—Edward Gibbs, from the Market place, 9.15 a.m. on thurs. returning same day, & during the summer the Bath Electric Tramway Co. Limited, motor 'buses daily

London & all parts (by rail).—Great Western Railway Company, station, Bath road

PRIVATE RESIDENTS. Church street

tages (postal address, Chippenham) | Harrold Mrs. Cartref, Bath road Bailey Lieut. Frederick G. Mayfield, Hayter Charles, High street

Shurnhold Baily Misses, Thornbank

Leon house, West end Barton F. Belmont, Spa road Bevan Edmund R. Coburg place

Bigwood Albert Edward, The Gables, Sandridge road

Beanacre

Melksham house

Bolwell Edward, King street

Breach Miss, Elmhurst, Spa road

Bruges Misses, St. Andrew's villa, Laine Robert, Church walk Lowbourne

Buckland Lott, Ashleigh, Forest Burbidge Walter S. Church walk

Market place Carpenter Misses, Canon square

Chandler Henry John, Bank house, Bank street

Cheap Mrs. Lowbourne

Clark George, Bath road

Sandridge road

Colbourne Nelson, Kingston lodge, Marley Duncan, The Briars, Sand-| Watson Thomas Truman, The Spa Forest road

Coombe Joseph A. South view, Bath rd Matravers Mrs. Lowbourne Coombe Mrs. Forest vil. Lowbourne | Matthews Alfred, Church street Davies Rev. W. Harry (Baptist), Mead-Allen Rev. Cecil John M.A. Williams Herbert, Church walk

Beanacre road Davis Henry, Canhold Deacon Mrs. West end Dixon Robert H. Bath road

Dodson Mrs. Kimber street

Ferris Jas. Whitcomb, Sandridge rd

Angel Arthur A. Mulberry cottage, Giddings Albert James, Place road Godwin Miss, The School ho. Union st | Muggleworth John, Bath road Angell Geo. Clovelly, Sandridge road Green Mrs. 1 Alpine vils. Lowbourne Nicholls Miss, Bath road Archard Geo.H.Foxcroft, Sandridge rd Greenhill Frank Usher, King street Armour Geo. Denholm, Sandridge cot- | Harding Gilbert W. Bank ho. Market pl | Parnell William, Lowbourne place Henderson William, Bowden view, Pike John, Belmont, The Spa Beanacre road Baker Rev. Anthony C. (Wesleyan), House William Henry, Church walk

Hughes Ernest James, Market place Hurn Albert, Rowley, Lowbourne Hurn Albert George, Cranbourne, Privett Percy, West end Sandridge road

Bigwood Lewin John, Formosa, Spard Hutton Geo. Woodrow ho. Woodrow Keir Ivan Cochrane M.D. The Limes | ridge road

J.P. The Limes

Bosworth Chas Rood, Church la. Forest King Rev. Thomas (Congregational), Smith Alex. Gough, Thornleigh Place road

Bryan William H. Askern, Spa road | Lee Mrs. Emlyn villas, Bank street | Stratton Arthur D. Canewdon, Sand-Locke Ernest Dalton Burrough, Tillywhim, Beanacre

Bush James Edward, The Cabin, Locket Thomas Wood M.A., M.B., Stratton Misses, Leaze cottage B.Ch. Inglewood, Place road nuts, Beanacre

Lopes Hon. Mrs. Geo. Sandridge park Taylor John, Spa road Churcher Mrs. Fernleigh, Sandridge rd Maggs Charles William, Agra, Spa rd ate), 2 Coburg place | Maggs Mrs. Bowerhill lodge

Manning Henry John, Shurnhold

ridge road Collett Mrs.C.La-Chasse, Sandridge rd | Marsland Mrs. St. Swithin's, Canhold | White Henry J. Hillside, Spa road

(curate), Union street

Merrett Mrs. Avon view, Bath road Merrett Mrs. Lowbourne place Millard Albert, Market place Missen George Fredk. Forest road

Moore Edward, The Croft, Beanacre rd ...

Flooks Misses, The Lindens, Bank st | Moore Moses, Manoria vil. Market pl Moule Charles George, Lowbourne Parker Robert John, Gower house Philip W. Littlejohn J.P. Strathavon, Bank street

Platt Owen, Bath road Pocock Mrs. 2 Alpine vils. Lowbourne Pritchard Miss, Semington road Privett Mrs. Omega, Spa road Roy William, Bowden vw. Beanacre rd Hurn Walter, Maple croft, Lowbourne Rumboll Charles Frederic M.D., V.D., J.P. Lowbourne house

Blake John Heritage J.P. Beechfield, Keevil Edward, Forest house, Forest Rutherford Matthew, Creswell, Sand-

Blathwayt George Wm. Wynter J.P. Keir William Ingram L.R.C.P.Edin., Sawtell Henry, The Chestnuts Scott Thos. Cadleys, Sandridge road Kelson Thomas, Collingwood, Spa rd Simpson Mrs. Cottingham vil. Place rd Songhurst Abel W. Church street Brown Alfred, Wyndham cot. Forest | Knee Fdk.Hy. Sunnyside, Sandridge rd | Stevens Miss, Glenfarne, Sandridge rd Stewart Mrs. Noel villa, Spa road Lee Edwin John, Martigny ho. Spa rd | Stratton Alfred J.P. Cray croft

> ridge road Stratton George, Giffords, Lowbourne Swanborough Fdk. T.Oakwood, Spa rd Lockhart Mrs. Alexander, The Wal-|Tayler Hbt. Wm Highfield, Lowbourne Tayler William F. The Island

> McNidder T. V. Springfield, Spa rd | Trevor Rev. Henry John L.Div., (cur-

Usher James, Limes villa, Spa road Clatworthy Alfred Henry, Avonhurst, Manning Arthur Herbert, High street | Watkins Frederick J. H. Kingswood, Sandridge road

Weston Mrs. West end

Wilkinson Miss, St. Andrew's villas, Lowbourne

Witton John Wadley, West end Witts Miss, Spa road

Wyld Rev. Canon Edwin George B.A. (vicar & surrogate), The Vicarage Young Chas. Forest lo. Sandridge rd

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COMMERCIAL, Early closing day, Wednesday. Abbott Henry, rope maker, Bank street Adams Brothers, bakers, City Alford Elihu Charles J. colonial butcher, Lowbourne Angel Arthur, sexton, Church street Annal Henry Sinclair, chemist & druggist, Bank street Archard George Howard, see Norris & Archard Arnold Charles Henry, fried fish dealer, Church street Arthur Charles Perkins, painter &c. Market place Avon India Rubber Co. Limited, manufacturers of rubber tyres & goods, The Factory Beale William, grocer, Bank street Beaven & Compton, solicitors, Lowbourne Bevan E. R. & Co. drapers & outfitters, Bank street Bigwood & Co. builders & contractors, Spa road Bigwood Albt. Edwd. registrar of marriages, Sandridge rd Bigwood Alice (Miss), milliner, Market place Bigwood Lewin John, general, furnishing & builders' ironmonger, gasfitter, plumber, blacksmith, tinplate worker & agricultural implement agent & repairer, High street. T N 14 Melksham Bird Samuel & Harry, farmers, Lower Half Way farm

Bolwell Wm. printer & stationer, Lowbourne & Bath rd Bowyer, Philpott & Payne Ltd. bacon curers, High st Bristol Clothing Co. (Percy Edginton, proprietor), outfitters, Bank street

Brooke Edwin Baily, farmer, Sandridge

Brooke George Alexander, haulier, Semington lane Brown John, haulier, Canal wharf; postal address, Semington, Trowbridge

Burbidge George, commission agent, Church walk Burnett Motor Tyre Co. patentees of the "Burnett Patent Improved Suction Tyres" (non-skid), Bath rd. T A "Vacuum;" T N 33 Melksham. See advertisement

Burry Henry, farmer, Woodrow farm

Bush Arthur E. A. surveyor & sanitary inspector to the Urban District Council, Bath road

Bush James Edward, dental surgery, Market place Butt George, ladies' tailor & costumier, High street Caddy James, boot repairer, Bath road Canning James, poulterer &c. Forest road

Capital & Counties Bank Limited (branch) (Henry John Chandler, manager) (open daily, 10 to 3; wed. 10 to 1), Bank street; draw on head office, 39 Threadneedle street, London E C

Carpenter Maud (Mrs.), dress maker, Union street

Chandler & Co. fishmongers, Bank street

Chandler Henry John, manager Capital & Counties Bank, Bank street

Chard Emma (Mrs.), grocer, Old Broughton road Cleverly Henry John (Mrs.), watch & clock ma. High st

Cleverly William J. cycle agent, Market place Colbourne Frederick, plasterer, Lowbourne

Colbourne Juliet (Mrs.), private school, West end Compton James, solicitor (firm, Beaven & Compton) Cook William G. George inn, Bank street

Coombe Albert & Son, ginger beer makers &c. The Ark

Cooper Albert, beer retailer, King street Cooper Joseph, coal dealer, King street Cottle Charles Richard, farmer, Woodrow

Cottle Frederick, farmer, Craysmarsh

Cottle William James, house agent, Bank street County Court (Alex. Gough Smith, registrar), Spard

Crook C. & Sons, dairymen, Shurnhold Crook Charles & Sons, road & asphalte contractors,

Shurnhold Crook Joseph & Son, contractors, New Broughton road

Crook Alfred, farmer, Beanacre

Crook Arthur Charles, farmer, Forest Crook Mark, farmer, New Broughton road

Crook W. grocer, & sub-post office, Bath road

Curnick John, beer retailer, Beanacre

Dallimore Mary (Mrs.), apartments, New Broughton rd Dancey Luther William, collector of taxes for Melksham, Beanacre

Davis George & Son, builders, Canhold Day George E. tailor, Canon square Deverall George, carpenter &c. Bower hill Deverell Alice (Mrs.), costumier, Market place Diffey Frederick B. furniture dealer, King street

Dix Edward, shopkeeper, King street Dixon R. H. & Son, boot makers, High street Dowdney William Henry, harness maker, Market place

Earle Joseph, carpenter, King street Eastmans Ltd. butchers, King street

Edwards Christiana (Mrs.), shopkeeper & sub-postmistress, Beanacre

Eeles John, inspector of police, Market place

Drew Louisa (Mrs.), farmer, Southbrook farm

Ellis William, farmer, Bower hill England Arthur Percy, beer retailer, City Escott Arthur J. poulterer &c. Bower hill

Fennell Albert, grocer & farmer, Sandridge lane; postal address, Chippenham

Fennell John, farmer, Wilds farm, Sandridge (postal address, Chippenham)

Ferris Charles, plasterer, Forest

Fire Engine Station (Henry Jones, capt.), Market yard Flooks & Manning, family & commercial stationers, news agents, booksellers, librarians, silversmiths, fancy goods & toilet requisites, toys & games; agents for Goss heraldic china; cash discount checks given, High street. T N 11 Melksham

Flooks & Manning, old family wine & spirit merchants (established 1824); bottled & cask ales, cider & perry; tobacco & cigars, High street. T N 11 Melksham

Freemasons' (Chaloner) Lodge, No. 2,644 (Rt.Parker, sec) Fry John, farmer, Queenfield

Gas Light & Coke Co.Lim.(Wm.Budd, sec. & mgr.), Bath rd

Gerrish Albert, gasfitter, King street Gerrish Kate (Miss), dress maker, King street

Gibbs Edward, carrier, Market place

Gibbs Harry O. motor engineer, Market place Gibbs Henry, King's Arms family & commercial hotel & posting house, jobmaster & furniture remover & storer, Market place

Gibbs Joseph, Bell inn, Bath road

Godfrey Arthur William, butcher, High street

Golledge Frederick G. farmer, Conigre farm

Gowen Frank (Mrs.), draper, High street Gowing & Son, grocers, High street

Gray & Son, watch & clock makers, High street

Greenhill Frank Usher, collector of general district rates, sanitary inspector & district surveyor to the Rural District Council, deputy registrar of births & deaths, assistant overseer for Melksham Within & assistant everseer & collector of poor rates for Southwick, North Bradley, King street

Gregory Ernest, market gardener, Sandridge (postal

address, Chippenham)

Gregory Frederick, farmer, Sandridge (postal address, Chippenham

Gregory Henry E. bair dresser. Church street

Gregory Israel, market gardener, Sandridge (postal address, Chippenham)

Haines Jerry George, farmer, Forest

Halsey Fanny (Mrs.), apartments, 3 Coburg place Hamlett William, insurance agent, Forest road

Hancock Emily (Mrs.), dress maker, Bath road

Hancock John, teacher of music, Bath road Harding Gilbert W. manager Wilts & Dorset Bank & treasurer to the Urban District Council, Market place

Harris & Co. cabinet makers, Church street

Harrold Brothers, bakers & grocers. Bath road

Harrold Charles, baker & grocer, Forest Harrold John, market gardener, Canhold

Hawkins Fredk. farm bailiff to Mr. John Fry, Queenfield Hayter Charles, tailor, breeches maker & gentlemen's hosier, High street. T N 15 Melksham

Hayward Edwin, farmer, Sandridge farm, Sandridge (postal address, Chippenham)

Hayward Frank, hair dresser, Market place

Hayward William, farmer, Blackmore

Hedges Archibald, The Grapes P.H. Bank street

Helyar William A., L.D.S.R.C.S.Eng. dentist (attends saturdays 10.30 till 12.30), High street

Hibberd Alfred, sewing machine agent, Market place High School for Boys (The)(Arthur William Gosnell M.A. Christ's Coll. Camb. head master), Semington road

Hill Frederick, baker, Union street

Hill John Marcus, butcher, Church street

Holloway & Fogg, architects (attend tues.), High street

Holloway William, farmer, Snarlton lane

Holloway William C. butcher, Bank street

Hughes Ernest James M.P.S. chemist & druggist; surgical & invalid requisites supplied; patent & cattle medicine vendor; district agent Kodak Limited; all photographic materials stocked, Market place. T N 19 Melksham

Hunt William Henry, farmer, Outmarsh farm, Semington road (postal address, Trowbridge)

Hurn Brothers, timber merchants, The Ark; saw mills, Melksham station

Hurn John, shopkeeper, Lowbourne

International Tea Co.'s Stores Ltd. (The), Market place

Jarvis John E. shopkeeper, King street

Jones Joseph & Son, smiths & wheelwrights, Spa road Jones James, grocer &c. Forest

Jordan George, shopkeeper, Forest

Junior Imperial League Club (Herbert Williams, honsec.), Church street

Keen Jesse S. boot dealer, Bath road Keevil Frederick P. farmer, Beanacre farm, Beanacre Keir, Rumboll & Keir, physicians & surgeons Keir Ivan Cochrane M.D., B.Ch.Edin., D.P.H.Oxon. (firm, Keir, Rumboll & Keir); physician & surgeon; surgery, Bath road Keir William Ingram L.B.C.P. & F.R.C.S.Edin. (firm, Keir, Rumboll & Keir), surgeon, medical officer of health to the Urban & Rural District Councils, & medical officer Nos. 4 & 5 districts, & public vaccinator, Trowbridge & Melksham district, & certifying factory surgeon, The Limes Kelson Thomas Alfred, corn & flour dealer, Church st King's Arms Family & Commercial Hotel & Posting House (Henry Gibbs, proprietor), Market place Knee Albert John, sign painter, Union street Knee H. J. Ltd. ironmongers, High street. T N 38 Knee William Charles, watch maker &c. Bank street Knowlman Charles (Mrs.), apartments, Stanfield, West end Lemay Henry C. confectioner, Bath road Lewington Joseph, apartments, Bank street Lewington William, fruiterer, King street Lock Henry John, cabinet maker & carpenter, Acre Lock Louisa Jane (Mrs.), apartments, Railway view Lock William, boot maker, High street Locke Ernest Dalton Burrough, solicitor, clerk to magistrates & commissioner to administer oaths, High st Locket Thomas Wood M.A., M.B., B.C. Cantab. physician & surgeon, Inglewood, Place road Loder James, telephone exchange, High street Long Albert, farmer, Bower hill Loveridge Walter W. coal merchant, Bath road Lucas Kate (Mrs.) L.O.S. midwife, King street Maggs C. W. & Co. (Melksham) Limited, hempen works, Spa road Manning Arthur & Co. house furnishers, cabinet makers, upholsterers, ironmongers, china, glass & earthenware dealers, drapers, undertakers, tailors, outfitters & ladies' costumiers, Lowbourne. Melksham Manning Arth. Herbt. draper &c. see Flooks & Manning Maslen George, photographer, Church street Maslen Jane (Mrs.), shopkeeper, Church street Mattingly George & Son, saddlers, Bank street Mears Walter, carpenter, Market place Mees William Joseph, nurseryman, Canon square Melksham Agricultural Society (Robert John Parker, hon. sec) Melksham Constitutional Working Men's Club (Albert Knee, sec.), Bank street Melksham Cottage Hospital (Henry John Chandler, treasurer; Charles William Maggs, hon. sec.; Miss Lucy E. Way, matron), Bank street Melksham Engineering Co. Limited (The), electrical engineers, High street & Bath road Melksham Liberal Club (William E. Sweet, hon. sec.), Bank street Melksham Working Men's Club (Hy. Davis, sec.), King st Milford Andrew, farmer, Manor farm, Sandridge Miller C. E. (Mrs.), temperance hotel, Bath road Miller George Henry, cabinet maker, Bath road Minns Charles, mechanical engineer, Forest Mitchell Wm. farmer, Manor farm, Beanacre Mortimer Clara (Miss), dress maker, King street Moule Charles George, clerk to the income & land tax commissioners, Lowbourne Mutual Improvement Society (William Henry House, sec.), Reading rooms, Bank street Nash Frederick, apartments, Bath road National Poultry Organisation Society Limited (branch) (Walter Mears, manager), Bank street National Telephone Co. Limited, Exchange, High street New Hall (William Harris, Watson's court, caretaker), Market place Norris & Archard, grocers, Church street Nowell Albert E. hair dresser, Bath road Ogle Charles Henry, teacher of music, Church street Overton Edward, farmer, West End farm Palmer Alfred J. tailor, Spa road Parfitt Thomas, baker, City Parker Robert John, auctioneer, Place road Penny Edith L. (Mrs.), Unicorn P.H. Bath road Perrett Bertrand C. photographer, Bank street Perrett William, grocer, High street Petty William, blacksmith, King street Pickford Henry, farmer, Westlands Poulson Charles William, butcher, High street Raines Frederick Thomas, builder, West end Read Eva & Susie (Misses), dress makers, Bath road Reading Rooms (William Hy. House, hon. sec.), Bank st Reeves Frank, plumber, painter &c Bath road Reeves John, china dealer, Bath road

Reeves William, wicker worker, City Richards Fred, farmer, Semington road Richards Walter, carpenter, Blackmore Richards William, iron & metal merchant, Lowbourne Riddick William, photographer, Bath road Roberts George, bacon curer, Bank street Robinson William James, solicitor, see Wansbrough, Robinson, Tayler & Taylor Rogers G. & Co. house furnishers, Bath road Rowlett John Thomas, grocer & draper, Market place Rumboll Charles Frederic M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S.Eng. (firm, Keir, Rumboll & Keir), surgeon & medical officer, No. 3 district, Trowbridge & Melksham union, & district medical officer to the G. P. O. Lowbourne house Salter Alfred John Thomas, baker, Old Broughton road Sawtell B. & Sons Limited, wholesale feather purifiers, Old Broughton road Sawyer William, farmer, Halfway, Beanacre Scott T. & Son, painters, Union street Scott Edward, draper, Bath road Self Frederick, farmer, Snarlton Sheate James R. farmer, Bower hill Sheate John, farmer, Forest Sheate William G. R. farmer, High Croft farm, Blackmore Skinner Henry, farmer, Beanacre Smith Alexander Gough, solicitor, commissioner for oaths & perpetual commissioner, registrar of county court & acting high bailiff, clerk to the Urban District Council, & agent to Alliance Insurance Co. Limited, Guardian Fire & Life Assurance Co. Norwich Union Assurance Association & Essex & Suffolk Insurance Co. Limited, Spa road. T N 22 Melksham Smith Edith (Miss), private school, King street Smith Thomas, chimney sweeper, King street Smith-Keen Jesse, boot maker, & county court bailiff, Bath road Spencer & Co. Limited, engineers & millwrights, Melksham foundry Spencer Frederick, tailor, Union street Stephenson & Co. boot makers, Bath road Stratton, Sons & Mead Limited, wholesale tea dealers, grocers &c. High street Summers James, cattle dealer, King street Sweet William E. assistant overseer & clerk to the Parish. Council for Melksham Without, King street Tayler John, steam & water miller, Town mills Tayler Walter Henry, solicitor, see Wansbrough, Robinson, Tayler & Taylor Taylor & Cray, coach builders, Spa road Taylor Charles H. relieving officer No. 2 district, collector to the guardians Melksham district & registrar of births & deaths Melksham sub-district, Trowbridge -& Melksham union, Church walk Taylor Walter James, solicitor, see Wansbrough, Robinson, Tayler & Taylor Territorial Force Battalion (4th) The Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment) (G Co. Capt G. B. Blake, commanding), Market place Tilke George F. restaurant, High street Town Hall (Charles George Moule, sec.), Market place Trowbridge Co-operative Industrial Provident Society (Norman Widgery, manager), Church street Tylee W. J. & Son, jobmasters, Bath road Tylee William J. Bear hotel, Bath road Venton Frederick, cycle maker, Union street Waight Edwin, house decorator, King street Waight Edwin (Mrs.), servants' registry office, King st Wall Herbert, Crown P.H. Market place Wansbrough, Robinson, Tayler & Taylor, solicitors, Market place; attend tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wansbrough Henry Reginald, solicitor, see Wansbrough, Robinson, Tayler & Taylor Ward Albert, shopkeeper, Bath road Watson Henry, farmer, Rhotteridge farm, Woodrow Watson James Mizen, dairyman, Forest Watson John, farmer, Sandridge (postal address, Chip. penham) Webb Amos, stone mason & builder, Beanacre Webb John, farmer, Semington road Weakley Sarah (Mrs.), shopkeeper, Beanacre Webb Alfred, farmer, Woodrow Webb William John, baker, Bank street Webley Jesse, draper, Bank street Wells Sidney, beer retailer, Forest West Alfred, baker, High street West Henry J. blacksmith, Old Broughton road West of England Sack Hiring Co. Limited (Walter W. Loveridge, agent), Bath road West Wilts Land & Building Co. (Frederick T. Lemay, agent), Beanacre road
Westgate King George, farmer, Bowerhill
WILTS.

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Whittle James E. butcher, Bath road

Wilcox Annie Gould (Miss), coal merchant, Union street & Station yard

Wilcox Ellen (Miss), day school for girls & boys, Canon sq Williams Harry J. insurance agent, West end

Williams John C. boot repairer, Church street Williams Louisa (Mrs.), shopkeeper, Forest road

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MERE is a union town and parish on the borders of three counties—Wilts, Dorset and Somerset—which meet in the vicinity, and is on the road from Salisbury to Taunton Dean, 4 miles north from Gillingham station on the Salisbury and Yeovil branch of the South Western railway, 23 west-by-north from Salisbury, 7 west from Hindon, 7 east-by-north from Wincanton and 102 from London, in the Southern division of the county, Mere hundred, Tisbury and Mere petty sessional division, county court district of Shaftesbury, Wylye rural deanery (Heytesbury portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury. The town is lighted with gas from works erected in 1866. The water supply for the whole district is provided by the Rural District Council. The church of St. Michael the Archangel is a building of stone in the Perpendicular style, with traces of Early English and reputed Saxon work, consisting of chancel with chapels, clerestoried nave of five bays, aisles, north and south porches, over each of which is a parvise, and a western tower 100 feet high, with pinnacles, and containing a clock with chimes and 8 bells: the charcel is separated from the nave by a beautifully carved oak screen, the upper part of which has been restored at the cost of Mrs. A. Morrison, of Fonthill: there are two chantry chapels, and in the south chapel is a brass to John Betteshorne, d. 1398: the present thancel and the chapels were built in the 14th century, but the tower dates from about the middle of the 15th century: there are 580 sittings: in 1883 the churchyard was levelled and planted with shrubs and flowers. The registers are in a good state of preservation, and date from 1572, and the churchwardens' books, still preserved, date from 1556. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £215, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1909 by the Rev. Francis Earle Trotman B.A. of Selwyn College, Cambridge. The mission church of St. Matthew, about miles south of the town, and on the Shaftesbury road, was opened in 1882, and is an edifice of stone and brick, consisting of apsidal chancel, nave, north porch, and a turret containing one bell, and will seat 150 persons: the cost of erection was about £1,000, the site being the gift of Miss Chafyn Grove; it is served by the clergy of St. Michael the Archangel. The Congregational chapel was founded in 1795; the present edifice, a large Gothic structure, was erected at a cost of over £8,000, defrayed by Charles Jupe esq.; there is also a Primitive Methodist chapel and one for the Plymouth Brethren. The Society of Friends have a meeting house here. The Cemetery, on the south side of the town, consisting of about three acres, was opened in 1856, and has two mortuary chapels; during the excavations necessary for its formation an earthen vessel was discovered containing 400 Roman coins; it is under the control of a committee of the Parish Council, acting as a burial board. The market, formerly held on Tuesday, has now become extinct, also the annual fairs that were held on the 17th of May and the 10th of October. The clock tower in the Market place occupies the site of the old market house and was erected in 1866 by His late Maiesty King Edward VII. then the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall. The charities amount to £158 yearly: Gillingham Forest charity, arising from inclosure of land at Gillingham Forest, produces £100 yearly, and is distributed in shares: the allotment charity, derived from land in Gillingham parish, yields £20 annually, and is distributed to the poor. John Phillips, of Charnage, left by his will the sum of £800, the interest of which is devoted to the repair of his tomb and the support of the Sunday school, the surplus is distributed by the churchwardens; there are a few minor charities now amalgamated under a scheme of the Charity Commissioners. The ancient Manor House, now used as a farm house, includes a domestic chapel, called "Woodlands," south of the town. Mere constitutes a part of the Duchy of Cornwall: in the year 1253 permission was given to Richard, Earl of Cornwall, to build a

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Wiltshire William, beer retailer, Outmarsh, Semington
(postal address, Trowbridge)
Winslow Martha (Mrs.), farmer, Berryfield

Withy Albert, painter &c. West end

Woodward Charles H. printer, stationer, bookbinder, bookseller, fancy repository, lending library, advertising contractor & bill poster, High street. T N 21 Melksham

castle on the hill, now known as Castle Hill, and afterwards to fortify it; some traces of this castle were found during excavations in 1887. The principal landowners are H.R.H. the Prince of Wales K.G. who is lord of the manor, George Troyte-Chafyn-Grove esq. F.S.A. of North Coker, Somerset, George Hildyard Bankes esq. and A. R. White esq. of Charnage. The soil is various, clay, chalk and flint; subsoil, chalk and gravel. The chief crops are wheat, beans and oats to the north; and on the south of the town (which is, principally clay) fine grazing land. The Ashfield water rises from a chalk hill in the neighbourhood, and afterturning several mills joins the river Stour. The parish contains 6,055 acres of land and 4 of water; rateable value, £8,637; the population in 1911 was 1,919, including 5 officers and 46 inmates in the workhouse.

Sexton, William Norris.
Chaddenwicke is a tithing, 1½ miles north-east; Woodlands, a tithing, 1 mile south; Bush Hayes, 1½ southeast; Manor House, Barrow Street, 1 south-east, and Burton, half a mile east, are adjacent places.

Zeals, a tithing in this civil parish, has been formed into a civil parish, and will be found under a separate

heading.

Post, M. O. & T. Office.—Duncan B. Walton, sub-post-master (letters should have Wilts added). Letters are delivered at 7 a.m. & 2 & 5.15 p.m.; dispatched at 11 a.m. & 2.50 & 7.25 p.m.; sunday at 7.25 p.m. Wall Letter Box, Salisbury street, cleared at 10.10 a.m. & 6.45 p.m.; sunday, 12.5 p.m.

# MERE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Meets at the Workhouse monthly, on thurs. at 1 p.m. Chairman, Arthur Rabbitts White, Charnage, Mere Clerk, John Thomas Humby, Church street, Mere Treasurer, Alfred Hopkins, Wilts & Dorset Rank. Medical Officer of Health, Benj. Pope Bartlett M.R.C.S. Eng. Bourton, Dorset Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector, James McKenzie A.S.I.

Shaftesbury street

# MERE UNION.

The following is a list of places in Mere union:—Kilmington, Kingston Deverill, East Knoyle, West Knoyle, Maiden Bradley, Mere Town, Monckton Deverill, Sedghill, Stourton & Zeals. The population in 1911 was 5,173; area, 32,309 acres; rateable value in 1911, £32 629

Board day, alternate thurs. at the Workhouse at 11 a.m. Clerk to the Guardians & Assessment Committee, John Thomas Humby, Church street, Mere

Chairman of the Board of Guardians, Arthur Rabbitts

White, Charnage, Mere, Wilts Treasurer. Alfred Hopkins, Wilts & Dorset Bank

Workhouse, Castle street, a building of stone, built about 1839, to hold 150 inmates; Harry T. Harding, master; Mrs. Emma E Harding, matron

Relieving Officer & Vaccination Officer for the Union,

Frank Ford, Wellhead

Medical Officers & Public Vaccinators, No. 1 district, Francis Burchett Rutter M.D., F.R.C.S., B.S. Dewes house, Mere; No. 2 district, Benjamin Pope Bartlett, Bourton, Dorset

Superintendent Registrar, John Thomas Humby, Church street, Mere; deputy, James McKenzie, Castle street Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages, Thomas Hall Woodford, Castle street, deputy, William T. Edmunds

Woodford, Castle street; deputy, William T. Edmunds, Castle street

Police Station, North street, William D. James, inspector in charge

# PUBLIC OFFICERS.

Assistant Overseer & Collector of Poor Rates, Roger James Croome, Castle street
Certifying Factory Surgeon, Francis Burchett Rutter

M.D., B.S. Dewes house