

MARTIN is a parish on the borders of Hampshire and Dorsetshire, in South Damerham Hundred and Fordingbridge Poor-law Union, distant 4 miles north-east from Cranbourne, and 9½ miles south-west-by-south from Salis-

bury. It is a curacy to the vicarage of Damerham. Population, in 1851, was 602, with 4,501 acres.

TIDPIT is a tithing; Toyd Farm and Allenford, an extra-parochial place, with 14 inhabitants.

GENTRY.
Daniell Rev. George W. B
Sweetapple Mrs. Amelia

TRADERS.
Ayton James, farmer
Bailey Robert, boot & shoe maker
Blandford John, farmer
Botley William, farmer
Bound Geo. wheelwright & carpenter
Brooks George, farm bailiff
Butler Charles, 'White Hart'
Cox Thomas, farmer

Cull William, farmer
Dennett Francis, farmer
Dove Charles, boot & shoe maker
Dyke John, farmer
Evans John, farmer
Ford John, farmer
Friend Martin, farmer
Harris George, boot & shoe maker
King Daniel, farmer
Kipping John, farm bailiff
Martin Charles, farmer
Pullen William, shopkeeper

Shrimpton James, shopkeeper
Street Amelia (Mrs.), farmer
Thompson Isaac, 'Cote's Arms'
Thompson James, farmer
Waters George, farmer
Waters Thomas, farmer
White John, boot & shoe maker
White Josiah, blacksmith

Letters are received through Salisbury. The nearest money order office is at Cranborne

MELKSHAM, a township, market and Union town, railway station and parish, in the Hundred of the same name, 100 miles west-by-south from London, 30 north-west from Salisbury, 6 north-east of Bradford, 5½ north-east of Trowbridge, 7 west of Devizes, 9½ from Westbury, 14 from Warminster, 15½ from Frome, 12 east from Bath, 6½ south from Chippenham, and 5 south-south-east from Corsham, on the Wilts, Somerset, and Weymouth railway, contained, in 1851, 2,931 inhabitants in the town, and 6,073 in the parish, including 1,062 in Seend, and 12,572 acres of land. The tithe rent-charge to the proprietor is £978 8s. 10d., and to the vicar £900. 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. The town is situated on the main road from London through Devizes to Bath, and on the banks of the Avon; it consists principally of one street nearly a mile in length, which is well paved and lighted with gas; the houses are well-built, of soft freestone, but irregularly placed. Two mineral springs, one saline and the other chalybeate, were discovered in the vicinity some years ago; and in 1816 a new saline spa was obtained by boring to a depth of 351½ 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, an agreeable promenade, &c.; but with all these inducements success was not commanded. The manufactures comprise superfine broadcloths, flat and round ropes, haircloths, cocoa fibre and sacking; and there is considerable business in brewing and malting. Petty sessions are held by the justices of the peace for Melksham division at the Town-hall on the last Tuesday in every month, and a County court for the recovery of small

debts is likewise held at the same place every fourth week. The Town-hall and Cheese market were erected in 1847 by a company of shareholders at an expense of £3,350; they form a spacious and well-arranged edifice of white freestone, in the Italian style, and a great ornament to the town. The river Avon passes through the town, and is crossed by a handsome bridge of four arches, with light and elegant balustrades; near are one of the largest corn-mills in the county, an extensive cloth factory and dye-houses. The Wilts and Berks canal passes on the east of the town, and about 1½ miles southward joins the Kennet and Avon canal. The market is held every Monday for butter, poultry, &c.; on the first Monday in the month for cheese; and on every other Monday in the month for cattle, sheep, pigs, &c. An annual fair for cattle, sheep, horses, &c., is held in the Market place on the 27th of July. The living is a vicarage, in the archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury, and in the patronage of the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury; the Rev. George Hume, M.A., is the incumbent. The church of St. Michael is a spacious structure of freestone, with a handsome embattled tower surmounted by pinnacles, and was considerably improved and enlarged in 1846, at an expense of £2,000. The district chapelry of Whitley and Shaw is attached, of which the Rev. George Nutt, M.A., is the incumbent. There are places of worship for Baptists, Independents, the Society of Friends, and Wesleyan Methodists; and National, British, and Infant schools. The Melksham Union comprises six parishes. The Poor-house, a substantial stone building, is situated in the village of Semington, about 2 miles from the town. Melksham is a polling-place at elections for North Wilts. Walter Long, Esq., M.P., is lord of the manor.

BEANACRE, Blackmore, Cannonhold, and Woodrow, are tithings; Shaw and Whitley form a chapelry, with 632 inhabitants.

GENTRY.
Awdry Henry Goddard, esq. Market pl
Awdry Justly William, Market place
Blewitt Mrs. Caroline, Coburgh place
Bradney Rev. John Hopkins, Leigh ho
Cook Mrs. Ann, King street
Cox Mr. Gracious, Spa
Daniell Rev. Charles, Shaw
Evans Miss Anna, Bath road
Evans Mr. Hugh Foskett, Bath road
Fisher Robert, esq. Avon villa
Flicker Mr. John, Lowbourne
Fowler John, esq. Bank street
Fowler Miss Rachel, Bank street
Fry Mr. Thomas, Market place
Gore Arthur, esq. Spa road
Harvey Capt. Gerard, 5 Spa

Heathcot Rev. Thos. M.A. Shaw Hill ho
Holworthy Henry Adye, esq. Ark ho
Hume Rev. George, M.A. [vicar],
Canon square
Jeffereys Samuel, esq. Coburgh place
Jefferys Mrs. Mary Ann, Lowbourne
Jefferys Thomas, esq. near the Bridge
Joyce Mrs. Susannah, Coburgh place
Kenrick George Cranmer, esq. the Grove
King Jaspar Rumboll, Lowbourne
Lessiter Mr. James, Whitley
Lloyd Mrs. Charlotte, Spa road
Mereweather Henry Alford, esq. Bowden vale
Miles the Misses, Canhold
Moule Charles Thomas, esq. 1 Spa
Moule Miss Marianne, 2 Spa

Nutt Rev. George, M.A. Shaw
Orchard Mr. Thomas, Lowbourne
Overbury Capt. Algin, Avon terrace
Phelps Philip, esq. Market place
Phillips Edward, esq. Avon house
Phillips John Ledyard, esq. Avon ter
Plimmer George, esq. Canon square
Pritchard George, esq. Coburgh place
Rawlings James, esq. Coburgh place
Simpson Miss, Spa road
Simpson William, esq. Watson's Barton
Smith Alexander Blucher, esq. Market place
Smith Frank, esq. Bank street
Taylor William, esq. Belmont house
Williams Rev. Thomas, B.A. Coburgh pl

TRADERS.
Abbott James, bricklayer, Whitley
Adams Jeremiah, baker & shopkeeper, Forest
Allwood Gideon, bootmaker, Bath road
Angel William, shoemaker, clerk to Chapel, & postmaster, Shaw
Arthur Charles, painter & paperhanger, Market place
Aust Charles, 'New Crown,' Market place
Awdry Henry Goddard & Justly William, solicitors, commissioners for taking the acknowledgments of married women, & agents to the Sun fire & life assurance company, Market place
Ball John, patten & clog maker & general dealer, Market pl
Bartlett John, cloth dresser, King street
Barton Benjamin, baker & corn dealer, Market place

Bates Hugh, miller & corn factor, Broughton road
Beavan Christopher, farmer, Queenfield farm
Beavan James, farmer, Bower hill
Berry John Peter, plumber, glazier, painter & paperhanger, Bank street
Bigwood William, shopkeeper, King street
Bigwood William, smith, Bath road
Bird James, 'King's Arms,' & brewer, Market place
Blandford Henry, farmer & railway contractor
Bodman Benjamin, farmer, Beanacre
Boswell Mary (Miss), straw bonnet maker, King street
Breach William, farmer, Chitway
Buckland Abraham, shoemaker, Canhold
Buckland James, shopkeeper, King street
Buckland Jemima (Miss), medical botanist, Canhold

- Buckland John, saddler & harness maker, Bank street
 Buckland Richard, 'Old Crown,' Market place
 Bulgin Richard, builder & carpenter, Lowbourn cottage
 Bullock Thomas, watch & clock maker, jeweller, silver-smith & postmaster, Market place
 Bunting Thomas, boot & shoe maker, City
 Burgess Henry, watch & clock maker, & agent to the British Empire fire & life assurance company, Market pl
 Butler James, plumber & painter &c. Union street
 Butler Jane (Mrs.), farmer, Beanacre
 Canning Thomas, brewer, Shaw brewery, Shaw
 Clark Mary (Miss), establishment for young ladies, Canon square
 Cockrane John, printer, binder, bookseller & stationer, Bank street
 Collett George, farmer & maltster, Whitley
 Collett Thomas, butcher, City
 Coombe William Webb, plumber, painter &c. King street
 Coombs Joseph, tinsplate worker, Market place
 Cooper Thomas, linendraper, grocer, wine & spirit & hop merchant, High street
 Cooper Thomas Eling, linendraper & silk mercer, High st
 Cottle James & John, farmers, Forest farm
 Cottle William, farmer, Semington lane
 Coulbourne Henry, hacon & cheese factor, High street
 Coulburn William, shopkeeper, Caroline buildings
 Cox Alfred, 'Unicorn,' & brewer, Bath road
 Cridland Henry, surveyor of land & assessed taxes, Shaw
 Crook Thomas, saddler & harness maker, Market place
 Crook William, farmer, Beanacre
 Curnick John, farmer, Beanacre
 Curnick Robert, farmer, Shurnold
 Curnick Thomas, farmer, Beanacre
 Dancey Thomas, farmer, Westland farm
 Dash William, wheelwright, Spa road
 Davis Abraham, boot & shoe maker, Bath buildings
 Davis Benjamin, shopkeeper, Caroline buildings
 Davis William, shopkeeper, Forest
 De Lanois M. professor of french, Shaw house
 Dore Robert, 'George,' & brewer, Bank street
 Earl Ann (Mrs.), shopkeeper, Forest
 Eskins Elizabeth (Mrs.), baker, Canhold
 Eyres William, ironmonger, iron & brass founder, tinsplate worker, engineer, agricultural machinist & wheelwright, Bank street
 Fennell Reuben, farmer, Forest
 Field John, shopkeeper
 Fitzgibbon Miss, mistress of National school
 Flocks Thomas, chemist & druggist, bookseller, agent to the London Assurance fire & life assurance company, & registrar of births & deaths, Market place
 Flower John, farmer, New town
 Fox Charles, farmer, Folly lane
 Fox Elizabeth (Miss), farmer, Forest
 Franklin John, shopkeeper, King street
 Freegard James, farmer, Whitley
 Freeman Ellen (Miss), china dealer, High street
 Fricker & Hunt, tailors & drapers, Bath buildings
 Fry John, farmer, Queenfield
 Gaby William, farmer, Westbrook
 Gale William, farmer, Whitley
 Gerrish Isaac, tailor, Market place
 Ghey Henry, farmer, Bower hill
 Gore Arthur, actuary of savings bank, & commissioner for taking affidavits in chancery, Bank street
 Gregory John, farmer, Hack farm
 Gregory Thomas, farmer, Bushy marsh
 Haines Edmund, plumber, painter &c. Union street
 Haines George, butcher, Bath buildings
 Haines Stephen, saddler & harness maker, Market place
 Haines William, baker, Church street
 Hand Sidney, farmer, Folly lane
 Harris Francis, master of National school
 Harris Henry, farmer, Bower hill
 Harris Jeremiah, farmer, Strattons farm
 Harris Joseph, plumber & painter, Canhold
 Harris Thomas, butcher, Church street
 Hawkins William, farmer, Ludlow's farm
 Haywood Reuben, draper, grocer, & wine & spirit merchant, High street
 Hinder & Son, auctioneers, appraisers & sheriff's officers, Market place
 Hitchins John, miller
 Honywill Ann (Miss), school, King street
 Hooper Henry, farmer, Shaw
 Hunt Henry, farmer, Rhotteridge
 James John, farmer, Forest
 Jarvis Charles, shoemaker, Market place
 Jefferys Thomas, corn merchant, Mills, near the Bridge
 Jones William, shopkeeper, King street
 Jordan Richard, smith, City
 Joyce Isaac, farmer, Forest
 Keen John, farmer, Shurnold
 Kendal John, tinsplate worker
 Kenrick George Camner, surgeon, the Grove
 King Horatio Nelson, linendraper, music & musical instrument seller, & agent to the Athenæum fire & life & Mutual life assurance companies, High street
 King Jasper Rumboll, surgeon, Lowbourn
 King Sarah (Miss), mistress of British school, Lowbourn
 Knapp James, builder & carpenter, Bath road
 Knee John, registrar of marriages, Church street
 Knott John, farmer, Woodrow farm
 Lane James, beer retailer, Whitley
 Lewington John, shopkeeper, King street
 Lewington William, tailor, Church street
 Little Abraham, teadealer & shoemaker, Bath road
 Little James, maltster & farmer, Shaw
 Maggs Joseph Herbert, manufacturer of sacking, twine, canvas, haircloths, cocoa nut matting, waterproof covers, coal merchant, & agent to the Star & Manchester fire & life assurance companies, Market place
 Malleson Charles, wholesale tea & coffee dealer & hop merchant, Bank street
 Manning Robert, farmer, Woodrow
 Mansfield Henry, corn dealer, & agent to the County fire & Mutual life assurance companies, Bank street
 Marks Thomas, working cutler, Church street
 Martin George, beer retailer, Beanacre
 Matthews John, tailor, Union street
 Melsom Thomas, farmer
 Merrett Charles, inspector of police, Market place
 Millard Emma (Miss), seminary, Market place
 Misson Thomas, farmer, Beanacre
 Mitchell Richard, shopkeeper, City
 Moon William Harding, secretary to the Mutual Improvement society & reading rooms, Bank street
 Moule & Gore, solicitors, & clerks to commissioners of the Melksham turnpike trust, Bank street
 Moule Charles Thomas, clerk to the commissioners of paving & lighting, clerk to the county court, to assessed & land tax commissioners, to the commissioners of the Holt turnpike trust & to commissioners for taking acknowledgments of married women, & agent to the Alliance fire & life assurance company, Bank street
 Mundy Walter, chemist & druggist, & agent to the Standard fire & life assurance company, High street
 Neat George, master of British school, Lowbourn
 Newman James, jun. butcher, Bank street
 Newman Thomas, farmer, Cray's marsh
 Nichols Henry, farmer, Shaw
 North John, coach builder, Church street
 Oatley John, smith & farrier, King street
 Oram William, hairdresser & perfumer, Church street
 Orman Henry, boarding school, & agent to the Economic fire assurance company, Spa villa
 Palmer Thomas, manager of North Wilts banking company, Bank street
 Phelps Philip, land agent, clerk to the magistrates, to commissioners of property tax, to board of guardians, & to deputy-lieutenant of the sub-division of Melksham & Tinhead, & superintendent registrar of births, deaths & marriages for Melksham union, Market place
 Phillips, Smith & Co. woollen manufacturers
 Phillips Edward Weston, wholesale teadealer, Bath road
 Pickett Ellen (Miss), straw bonnet maker, Spa road
 Pickett Thomas, brush manufacturer, Spa road
 Plimmer George, surgeon, Canon square
 Pocock Lucy (Mrs.), farmer, Whitley
 Pocock William, poulterer, Whitley
 Porter Joseph & William, linendrapers, grocers, provision merchants, & british wine manufacturers, & agents to the General fire & life assurance company, Bank street
 Pritchard George, farmer, Semington lane
 Pritchard Sarah (Mrs.), farmer, Sandridge
 Pullen George, hairdresser, Bank street
 Rawlings James, solicitor, Coburgh place
 Redman John, grocer & teadealer, Bank street
 Reeves Thomas, farmer, Strattons
 Ricketts Thomas, shopkeeper, City
 Rixon Peter, turner, Semington lane
 Salter Susan (Mrs.), sextoness, Church street
 Salter William, haircloth manufacturer, Whitley
 Selman William, tailor, Canon square
 Shaul Benjamin, confectioner & baker, Market place
 Shawl Robert, leather seller, Bank street
 Shepherd Joseph, shopkeeper, King street
 Simpson Robert, ironmonger, High street
 Sims William, 'Fleece,' Folly lane
 Smith & Goldie, boarding school, Shaw house

Smith Alexander Blucher, solicitor, commissioner in chancery & all the law courts, & agent to the Edinburgh life, Imperial fire & life, & Law Union fire & life assurance companies, Market place
 Smith Frederick, linendraper & berlin repository, Market pl
 Spackman Roger, farmer
 Stokes Singer, shoemaker & parish clerk, Bank street
 Stow Charlotte (Mrs.), grocer & bacon factor, Bath road
 Stratton James, grocer & teadealer, High street
 Summers Felix, boot & shoe maker, Lowbourne
 Sumner Thomas, boot & shoe maker, Bank street
 Taylor James, farmer, & bailiff of the hundred & manor of Melksham, Outmarsh farm
 Taylor Jane (Miss), farmer, Cadley farm
 Taylor Sarah (Miss), farmer
 Taylor Thomas, carrier, Canon square
 Theobald John, coal & timber merchant, Semington row
 Thomas John, farmer, Semington lane
 Townsend Henry, stonemason, Bath road

POST OFFICE.—John Bullock, postmaster, Market place. Letters arrive by mail cart from Chippenham at ½ past 4 a.m. & ½ past 2 p.m.; delivered 7 a.m., & dispatched at ¼ to 10 p.m. Box closes at ½ past 8 p.m., but letters can be posted till ½ past 9 by affixing an extra stamp. Money orders are granted & paid at this office from 9 till 6 daily, sunday excepted

BANKERS:—

North Wilts Banking Company, Bank street (Thomas Palmer, esq. manager); draw on Dimsdale & Co. London; hours of business, 10 till 3
Savings Bank, Lowbourne (Arthur Gore, esq. actuary); open on the 1st & 3rd saturdays in the month from 3 to 4

INSURANCE AGENTS:—

Alliance Fire & Life, Charles Thomas Moule, Bank st
Athenæum Fire & Life, Horatio N. King, High street
British Empire Mutual, Henry Burgess, Market place
County Fire, Henry Mansfield, Bank street
Economic Life, Henry Orman, Spa
Edinburgh Life, Alexander B. Smith, Market place
Globe, J. Rawlings, Coburgh place
Lancashire, T. Flooks, Market place
Law Union Fire & Life, Alexander B. Smith, Market pl
London Assurance Fire & Life, Thomas Flooks, Market place
Manchester Fire & Life, Joseph H. Maggs, Market place
Mutual Life, Horatio N. King, High street
Phoenix, W. Eyres, Bank street
Provident Life, Henry Mansfield, Bank street
Standard Fire & Life, Walter Mundy, High street
Star Fire & Life, Joseph H. Maggs, Market place
Sun Fire & Life, Awdry Henry Goddard, Market place

PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS:—

Gas Works, near the Bridge
Mutual Improvement Society & Reading Rooms, Bank street, William Harding Moon, secretary
Reading Rooms, Town-hall
Station House, Market place, Charles Merrett, inspector
Town Hall & Cheese Market, Market place

PUBLIC OFFICERS:—

Actuary of Savings Bank, Arthur Gore, esq. Bank st
Clerk to Assessed & Land Tax Commissioners, Charles Thomas Moule, Bank street
Clerk to Board of Guardians of Melksham Union, Philip Phelps, Market street
Clerk to Commissioners of Holt Turnpike Trust, Charles Thomas Moule, Bank street
Clerks to Commissioners of Melksham Turnpike Trust, Moule & Gore, Bank street
Clerk to Commissioners of Paving & Lighting, Charles Thomas Moule, Bank street
Clerk to Commissioners of Property Tax for Melksham Division, Philip Phelps, Market place
Clerk to County Court for Recovery of Debts, Charles Thomas Moule, Bank street
Clerk to Deputy-Lieutenants of Sub-Division of Melksham & Tinhead, Philip Phelps, Market place
Clerk to Magistrates of Melksham Division, Philip Phelps, Market place
Commissioners for taking Affidavits in all the Law Courts, Henry Goddard & Justly William Awdry, Market place, & Alexander Blucher Smith, Market place

Townsend William, 'White Hart,' King street
 Usher William, shoemaker, King street
 Watson George, farmer, Whitley
 Webb Dennis, brewer & beer retailer, Semington row
 Webb Timothy, farmer, Sandridge
 Webb William, carpenter, King street
 Weight Elizabeth (Mrs.), printer, bookbinder & paper-hanger, Lowbourne
 Wheeler John A. 'Bear,' Bank street
 White John, butcher, Bath buildings
 Whittaker William, grocer & teacher of music, High street
 Wilshire John, farmer, Westbrook
 Witts Thomas, beer retailer, City
 Woodbridge Eliza (Mrs.), 'Bell'
 Woodman M. A. & E. (Misse), linendrapers, Bank street
 Woodman Henry George, cabinet maker, Lowbourne
 Woodman Jeremiah, grocer & bacon factor, Bank street
 Woodridge Sarah (Mrs.), school, Canhold
 Young Jane (Mrs.), baker & shopkeeper, Market place

Commissioners for taking Acknowledgments of Married Women, Charles Thomas Moule, Bank street, & Henry Goddard Awdry, Market place
Governor of Workhouse, Edward Ingram, Semington
Registrar of Births & Deaths for Melksham District, Thomas Flooks, Market place
Registrar of Marriages for Melksham District, John Knee, Church street
Relieving Officer for Melksham District, Saml. Randall, Shurnold
Solicitor to Market Company, Arthur Gore, Bank street
Sub-Distributor of Stamps, Frederick George Moule, Bank street
Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages for the Melksham Union, Philip Phelps, Market place

PLACES OF WORSHIP:—

St. Michael's Church, Church st. Rev. George Hume, M.A. vicar; Rev. Thomas Williams, M.A. curate
Shaw Church, Shaw, Rev. George Nutt, M.A. incumbent
Baptist Chapel, Old Broughton road, Rev. Chas. Daniell, minister
Baptist Chapel, Union street, ministers various
Baptist Chapel, Beanacre, ministers various
Baptist Chapel, Forest, ministers various
Independent Chapel, Devizes road, Rev. Jacob Jones, minister
Friends' Meeting House, King street
Wesleyan Chapel, High street
Wesleyan Chapel, Whitley, ministers various

PUBLIC SCHOOLS:—

National, Churchyard
British, Lowbourne, George Neat, master; Miss Sarah King, mistress
Infant, Lowbourne

POSTING HOUSES:—

King's Arms hotel, James Bird, Market place
Bear inn, John A. Wheeler, Bank street

CARRIERS TO:—

LONDON & all parts (by rail), Great Western Railway Company, James Bird, agent, 'King's Arms,'
 BATH—John Hibberd, every tuesday, from the 'New Crown;' Thomas Taylor, every wednesday & saturday, from his own house, Canon square
 CALNE—Stephen Spackman, every tuesday, from the 'George'
 CHIPPENHAM—Goods by rail to London, Bath, & Bristol; John Kington's waggons, from the 'George,' every evening, & forward goods by rail to London, Bath, & Bristol; & Stephen Mizeu, every monday, wednesday & friday, from the 'Bell'
 DEVIZES—Thomas Taylor, from his own house, wednesday & saturday; & Stephen Mizen, every thursday, from the 'Bear' & the 'George'
 TROWBRIDGE—John Little, tuesday, thursday & saturday, from the 'Bell'
 WOODBOROUGH—John Hibberd, every wednesday, from the 'New Crown'
 BY WATER TO BATH & BRISTOL—James Boswell's boats leave the wharf, Devizes road, twice a week, with goods, days uncertain; & Thomas Bonner's boats, twice a week, days uncertain

MERE is 23 miles west-by-north from Salisbury, 102 west-south-west from London, 7 west of Hindon, 8 east-by-north from Wincanton, locally situated on the borders of three counties—Wilts, Dorset and Somerset, which unite in the vicinity. The parish contains 7,355 acres, and a population, in 1851, of 1,156, exclusive of the tithings, and in the whole parish 2,991. Mere is a market-town,

on the high road from Salisbury to Taunton Dean, in Somerset, in the diocese of Sarum, Mere Hundred and Union, and Hindon division. Flax spinning and silk throwing are carried on here, and the town is lighted with gas. Mere constitutes a part of the Duchy of Cornwall; in the year 1253 permission was given to Richard, Earl of Cornwall, to build a castle on the hill, now known as