

426 WINScombe.

SOMERSETSHIRE.

[KELLY's

Sandford.

[Letters should be addressed near Churchill, Bristol.]

Barber Rev. Robert Chantry [curate]
Haynes George John, The Briars
Jacques Francis

COMMERCIAL.

Avery Francis, farmer
Badman Silvester, farmer
Baker Thos. carrier & market gardener
Bisgrove William, farmer
Butt Michael, farmer
Cole George, farmer
Dyer John, shopkeeper & farmer
Harris Samuel, farmer
Horler Leah (Miss), farmer
Kersley Charles, baker
Lawrence Robert, farmer
Lewis William, jun. corn dealer & beer retailer
Nicholls Edmund, farmer & baker
Nigh Thomas, stone mason
Park Thomas, coal merchant & farmer
Pedgely Robert, shoe maker
Pool James, yeoman, Well farm
Rawles Eli, carpenter
Rich Francis William Best, apple tree grower & farmer, The Nurseries
Shepstone Sidney, road contractor
Smith Edwin, commercial traveller
Thayer George, farmer, Yew Tree farm
Tutt James, market gardener
Vowles Caroline & Susan (Misses), farmers

WINSFORD is a parish and village, situated on the river Exe and on the road to Exmoor and Lynton from Tiverton, 12 miles south-west from Dunster and 6 north-north-west from Dulverton station on the Devon and Somerset branch of the Great Western railway, in the Western division of the county, hundred of Williton, Dulverton petty sessional division and union, county court district of South Molton, rural deanery of Dunster, archdeaconry of Taunton and diocese of Bath and Wells. The church of St. Mary Magdalen is an ancient edifice of stone in the Perpendicular style, consisting of chancel, nave of six bays, aisles, south porch and an embattled western tower containing 5 bells: an organ was presented to the parish in 1853 by the late Rev. D. Twopenny, of Stockbury, Kent: there are sittings for 250 persons. The registers date from 1660, but are imperfect. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £360, including residence and 90 acres of glebe, in the gift of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and held since 1857 by the Rev. William Paley Anderson B.D. late fellow and tutor of

Anderson Rev. Wm. Paley B.D. Vicarage
Burrows Rev. E. H. [Wesleyan]

COMMERCIAL.

Baker Thomas, mason
Baker William, grocer &c
Bevin John, tailor
Burnell John, farmer, Higher Kemps
Clatworthy Charles, blacksmith
Court John, shopkeeper
Crick Brothers, farmers, Great Ash
Crick Thomas, assessor of taxes, Gt. Ash
Dadds James, shoe maker
Dallyn Richard, farmer, Nethercott
Darby Walter, shoe maker

WINSHAM is a parish and village, situated on the right bank of the river Axe, which forms part of the boundary of the county, and is 4 miles east-by-south from Chard, 6 west-by-south from Crewkerne and about 2½ north-east from Chard Junction on the London and South Western railway, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Kingsbury East, petty sessional division of Ilminster, union and county court district of Chard, Chard district of the rural deanery of Crewkerne, archdeaconry of Taunton and diocese of Bath and Wells; the village slopes to the south and is well sheltered by the very high hills between it and Chard on the north and Crewkerne on the east; the soil being composed of much chalk and flint there is a natural drainage into the river Axe, which is a trout stream. The church of St. Stephen is a building of stone, in the Early English and Perpendicular styles, consisting of chancel, nave, south porch and a central embattled tower, with turret at the south-west angle containing a clock and 5 bells, one bell is dated 1583: on the interior south wall of the tower is a remarkable painting on panel of The Crucifixion, probably of the 14th century; it was originally placed over the rood screen, and has been carefully restored: there is a very handsome carved

Sidcot.Ashby Edmund (head master of the public school of the Society of Friends)
Clarke Mrs
Clarke William Robert
Greaves Mrs. Fairlie bank
Higgins Mrs
Hancock Jesse, farmer
Hemmens James, farmer
Lewis William, farmer
Smith Thomas, road surveyor
Tripp Edward, baker & corn dealer**Woodborough.**Ash Henry, Kildare
Johnson Joseph, The Ferns
Phillips Miss
Reece William, The Myrtles
COMMERCIAL.
Arney John, yeoman
Bird Abraham, baker
Bradford William, farmer, Laurel farm
Brooks Sarah (Mrs.), shopkeeper, & post office
Brown George, carpenter
Card William Robert, farmer
Eades Edwin, timber mer. & carpenter
Edwards Charles, builder
George Alfred, hurdle maker
Glover Alfred, shoe maker
Hallett James, farmer, Winterhead frm
Hancock Francis, farmer, Appletree frm
Hancock William, farmer
Hancock Wm. jun. farmer, Nut Tree frm
Hemmens Charles, farmer & carrier

that college. Here is a Wesleyan chapel, erected in 1830. The charities amount to £30 yearly. The Right Hon. Sir Thomas Dyke Acland bart. P.C., F.R.G.S., D.L., J.P. who is lord of the manor and the Earl of Carnarvon P.C., D.C.L. are the chief landowners. The soil is clay and loamy and the subsoil rock shillet. The crops are chiefly hay. The acreage is 8,656; rateable value, £4,187; the population in 1881 was 485.

Sexton, John Bevin.

Post & M. O. O., S. B. & Annuity & Insurance Office.—John Vicary, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Dulverton R.S.O. at 9.50 a.m.; dispatched at 3.40 p.m. The nearest telegraph office is at Dulverton

INSURANCE AGENT.—West of England, D. Evans

National School (mixed), built in 1884 for 75 children; average attendance, 54; William Dicker, master; Mrs. Caroline Dicker, mistress

CARRIER.—Wm. Sedgebeer, to Minehead every thurs. & sat

Rawle James, farmer, Hole
Rawle John, farmer, Nethercott
Sedgebeer William, baker, grocer & poulterer, corn & coal stores; carrier to Minehead &c
Steer Joseph, wheelwright
Tapp James, farmer, Knaplock
Tapp James, farmer, Upcott
Tarr William, mason
Thorne John, farmer, Great Bradley & Lower Bradley
Vicary John, wheelwright
White James, shoe maker
Williams Geo. farmer, Higher Wick

15th century screen at the west end, filling the lower part of the tower arch; there are monuments to the Henly and Roysse families of ancient date: the reared of coloured marble and mosaic was erected as a memorial to the Rev. George Ware, for 50 years vicar here: the octagonal stone font is of early date: the interior of the church has been renovated and the galleries removed: the distribution of seats dates from 1577: there are now sittings for 200 persons. The registers date from 1559 and contain an entry of an oath taken by one John Lombard that a marble stone now in the church was bought by his father at "ye Abbey of Foord's dissolution:" there is also a curious old parchment document in the register of 1641, containing a declaration to defend the Reformation from Popery "with my life and power &c." signed by the vicar, curate, squire, churchwardens, overseers and by more than 203 of the principal people in the parish: in the church is preserved an ancient copy of Foxe's "Book of Martyrs," with the remains of the chain by which it was fastened. The living is a vicarage, with the rectory of Cricket St. Thomas annexed, by Order in Council Aug. 26, 1879, tithes commuted at £340, joint net yearly value £365, including 60 acres of glebe, with residence,

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WITHAM FRIARY. 427

in the gift of the Bishop of Worcester, who has two turns, and Viscount Bridport one turn, and held since 1870 by the Rev. Daniel Hall Spencer M.A. of St. John's College, Cambridge. There is a Congregational chapel, erected in 1811 and endowed with an orchard, garden and a comfortable house as a minister's residence: the whole of these premises belonged (subject to a lease) to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, but the fee simple of the property has been granted to the trustees of the chapel. The Brethren have also a place of worship here. Winsham was formerly a market town, with shambles in Church Street: the other streets, Fore Street, Back Street and Western Way still remain: it was at one time celebrated for its narrow and broad cloths; and has still a reputation for its butter, which is said was formerly supplied to a Royal Palace. A large room, for public meetings has been erected in Church Street, by Viscount Bridport: opposite the George Hotel is a large stone cross; it has no date or inscription upon it and is supposed to be an ancient market cross. Leigh House, a seat of Henry Cornish Henley esq. J.P. is at present occupied by Lieut.-Gen. William Coussmaker Anderson C.S.I. The manorial rights, which formerly belonged to the deanery of Wells, became vested in the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and so remained until purchased by Viscount Bridport. The principal landowners are Viscount Bridport

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Anderson Lieut.-Gen. Wm. Coussmaker
C.S.I. Leigh house
Bennett Samuel
Bagg Thomas, Amerham
Griffin Rev. Alfred [Congregational]
Hodder Miss
Hodder William
Hyam Miss
May Rev. Arthur William [curate]
Perham Mrs
Perham Henry
Raisen Miss
Spencer Rev. Daniel Hall M.A. [vicar
& rector of Cricket St. Thomas],
Vicarage
Springhall John
Stower Mrs

COMMERCIAL.

Ackland Mary (Mrs.), King's Arms P.H.
Andress David, grocer & draper & assistant
overseer
Bagg Albert, gamekeeper to H. C. Henley
esq. J.P. White gate
Bishop John B. farmer, Winsham farm

Boait Ann (Mrs.), baker & shopkeeper
Bond John, farmer
Bond John, jun. butcher & genl. dealer
Bowditch Joseph, butcher
Bradford John, farmer
Brown William, farm bailiff to Viscount
Bridport, Midnell
Cox John, gardener to H.C. Henley esq.
White gate
Dommett Robert Lane, farmer, Hay
farm
Dowell Charles, blacksmith
Ebdon Thomas, mason
Forsey Charles, carpenter, & Bell P.H.
Forsey Thomas, boot maker
Fowler Frederick B. farmer, Whatley
Goldsworthy William, haulier
Hallett Thomas, mason
Harvey Ellen (Mrs.) & Sidney, millers
(water) & farmers, Whatley mill
Harvey Frank, baker
Harvey Joseph, farmer, Amerham
Harvey Richd. miller (water) & farmer,
Amerham
Hodder Joseph Henry, farmer & thrashing
machine proprietor, Leigh farm

Hoskins John, boot maker, Purtington
Hussey Albert, shoe maker
James Matthew, dairyman, Purtington
Kibby James, dairyman, Midnell
Lang Jane (Mrs.), dress maker
Loaring Alfred, thatcher & butcher
Loaring Thomas, thatcher
Page Joseph, farmer, Bridge
Peadon Ann (Mrs.), George inn
Perham Robert, farmer, Paull's Ash
Persey Robert, farmer, Broadenham
Persey Robert, farmer
Pidgeon Eli, farmer & game dealer
Pidgeon Levi, Knapp inn, & farmer
Singleton Alfred, gardener
Spurde Caroline (Mrs.), blacksmith
Spurde William, shoe maker
Strawbridge James, dairyman, Whatley
Swaffield Charles, tailor
Sylvester Robert Fowler, grocer & draper,
Post office
Welch George, baker & grocer
Welch Henry, baker & grocer
Whensley George, butcher
Woodman Triphena (Mrs.), dress maker
Wyatt John, farmer, Purtington

WITHAM FRIARY is a village and parish, with a station on the Wilts, Somerset and Weymouth branch of the Great Western railway, 12½ miles from London, and is the point of junction of the line for Shepton Mallet and Wells, being 9 miles east from Shepton Mallet, 14 south-east from Wells and 6 south from Frome, in the Frome division of the county, Eastern division of the hundred of Frome, Frome petty sessional division, union and county court district, rural deanery of Frome, archdeaconry of Taunton and diocese of Bath and Wells: the inhabitants are well supplied with spring water, which flows from the neighbouring hills. The church of Mary the Virgin was anciently that of the Carthusian Priory, and did not become a parish church till 1458, and is an edifice of rubble and stone in the Transition, Norman and Early English styles, consisting of nave of three bays, with an eastern apse, and a lofty and massive bell gable containing 3 bells: all the windows are stained, and on the south side of the apse is a double piscina with square trefoiled head, and on the north side, in the thickness of the wall, the rood loft staircase remains; near it is a doorway (now built up) with a very low segmental arch, and probably leading originally to the domestic buildings of the monastery: the original font, placed in the church in 1458 by Prior John Porter, and found buried in the foundations of the old tower, has been reinstated: this church, erected by the Carthusians on their first coming here, was much altered and improved by St. Hugh, the 3rd prior, who vaulted the roof, and thickened the walls in order to support the vaulting, which is quadripartite, the ribs intersecting at the apex and springing from semi-octagonal corbels carried on shafts; the windows, round-headed, and splayed deeply on both sides, are original, though altered both in proportions and detail: the church was restored in 1877 under the direction of Mr. William White F.S.A. architect, when the building was lengthened by an additional bay at the west end, the

Westropp Rev. John Thos. B.A. Vicarage

COMMERCIAL.

Ashford Charles, shoe maker
Ashford Emanuel, shoe maker
Ashford Henry, shoe maker

Ball Thomas, farmer, Allifield
Bown James & John, farmers, Gibbons
farm, Upper Holt
Crees Seward, frmr. Manor & Park frms
Crees Sidney, farmer, Walk farm

(Duke of Bronté) and Henry Cornish Henley esq. J.P. The soil is remarkably productive, although consisting chiefly of chalk, flint and loam; subsoil, chalk and flint. Large crops of corn, good flax, a considerable quantity of cider, with very good dairy produce, are annually yielded. The acreage is 3,178; rateable value, £7,011; the population of the parish in 1881 was 859.

STREET, a hamlet here, 1½ miles west, is on a continuation of the Roman road from Shepton Mallet and Ilchester to the west of England.

WHATLEY, 1 mile north-west; BRIDGE, 1 south-west; AMERHAM, ½ south-west; PURTINGTON, 2½ north-east; and WHITE-GATE, 2 west, are hamlets, partly in this parish and partly in that of Chard.

Parish Clerk and Sexton, William Cook.

Post & M. O. O., S. B. & Annuity & Insurance Office.—Robert Fowler Sylvester, sub-postmaster. Letters from Chard at 7.50 a.m.; dispatched at 5.10 p.m. Chard is the nearest telegraph office

INSURANCE AGENT.—West of England, R. F. Sylvester

SCHOOLS:—

National, erected in 1850, for 120 children; average attendance, 98; Walter Northcombe, master
Infants', erected in 1887, for 55 children; average attendance, 40; Miss Eva Sennick, mistress

tower, erected in 1828, being removed and a new bell gable erected; the timber work of the roof was also renewed and the walls repointed and strengthened with flying buttresses: there are sittings for 200 persons. The register dates from the year 1605, but many pages are missing. The living is a vicarage, average tithe rent-charge £33, net yearly value £90, with residence, in the gift of the Duke of Somerset, and held since 1881 by the Rev. John Thomas Westropp B.A. of Trinity College, Dublin. Here was once a priory of the Carthusian order, founded in 1181 by King Henry II. and dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, St. John Baptist and All Saints; the revenues, on its dissolution, were estimated at £215; some portions of the domestic buildings remain. The Duke of Somerset, who is lord of the manor, and A. F. E. Powell esq. are the chief landowners. The soil and subsoil are clay and stone brash. The land is used solely for dairy farms. The acreage is 5,497; rateable value, £5,865; the population in 1881 was 482.

GAER HILL is a hamlet, a small portion of which only is in this parish. BELLERICA is about 2½ miles west. ROUGH STUBBS, HIGHER and LOWER HOLT, and DREWLEY are hamlets.

POST OFFICE.—Joseph Henry Miller, receiver. Letters through Bath (except Bellerica & Allifield, through Bath by Evercreech & Witham Hall, Iron Mills farm & Bunns Lane cottages, by Frome), arrive at 7.40 a.m. & 4.15 p.m.; dispatched at 5.30 p.m. The nearest money order offices are at Frome & Bruton, about equal distance. Telegraph office, Railway station, which should be addressed, Witham, Cranmore

National School (mixed), built in 1840 & enlarged in 1885, for 115 children; average attendance, 67; Miss E. Taylor, mistress

Railway Station, William Marwood, station master

Croom George, farmer, Gt. West barn
Croom James (Mrs.), farmer, Quarr hill
Daniels Frank, carpenter
Denning Robert, frmr. Little West barn
Doman Bros. timber hauliers &c. Gaer hl