



Post Office Directory Extract 1875



Bratton

Bratton is an ecclesiastical parish, formed in 1845. It is within the parliamentary borough of Westbury, in the Northern division of the county, Westbury civil parish, union, county court district, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, rural deanery of Wylde, 3 miles east-by-north from Westbury, and 111½ from London.

The church of St. James is of stone, in the Early English style, consisting of square tower containing 4 bells, chancel, nave, transepts, and aisles. It was restored, re-seated, and newly roofed in 1860, at a cost of about £900, from designs by the architects, Scott and Wyatt. There are several stained windows, one at the western end, representing the four greater prophets and the four evangelists, and the eastern window representing the Birth, Death and Resurrection. The church will seat 200 persons. The register dates from 1542. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £300. The vicarage house was erected in 1863, at a cost of £1,600, on ground given by the Marquis of Bath. The living is in the gift of the vicar of Westbury, and held by the Rev. Richard Pyper, M.A., of Downing College, Cambridge.

There are National and British schools; also a Baptist and a small Wesleyan chapel.

Wool spinning and carding are carried on, and there is an iron foundry, where agricultural implements are manufactured.

The Marquis of Bath is lord of the manor and principal landowner.

The soil is green sand; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat and there are numerous apple orchards

The area is 3,574 acres; rateable value, £4,823; and the population in 1871 was 697.

PARISH CLERK, James Holloway.

POST OFFICE, George Cross, receiver. Letters arrive & are delivered at 7.15 am.; received until 6.41 pm. & 10.30 am. on Sundays, when they are dispatched through Westbury. The nearest money order office is at Westbury.

SCHOOLS, National, Miss Mary Ann Hall, mistress.

British (for boys & girls), William Frederick Russell, master.

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Brent	George			Luccomb House
Brent		Mrs.		
Cowdry		Mrs.		
Dowse	Joseph			Melbourne House
Drew	William	Rev. Baptist		
Parsons	Joseph			
Pyper	Richard	Rev. M.A.	Vicar	
Reeves	Henry			
Reeves	John			
Reeves	Henry			
Seagram		Mrs.		Bratton House
Seagram	Thomas			
Whitaker	John Saffery			
Whitaker		Mrs.		
Whitaker	T	Mrs.		
White		Mrs.		

Commercial

Bath	Arthur		Farmer	
Brent	George		Farmer, wool spinner & carder	Luccomb
Calloway	Benjamin		Farmer	
Calloway	William		Market gardener	
Cleverley	William		Farmer	
Cross	George		Shopkeeper & post office	
Cross	Joseph		Watch & clock maker	
Dowse	Joseph		Maltster	
Flower	George		Shopkeeper	
Flower	John		Miller	
Flower	Richard		Carpenter	
Holloway	James		Shopkeeper & baker	
Hurle	James			Duke Inn
Ingram	John			White Horse
Merritt	John		Grocer & baker	
Pepler	Thomas		Blacksmith	
Pocock	Alfred		Farmer	
Pocock	Isaac		Farmer	
Reeves	John		Manufacturers of agricultural implements	
Reeves	Robert		Manufacturers of agricultural implements	
Reeves	Thomas		Manufacturers of agricultural implements	
Reeves	John		Farmer	
Smith	Henry		Farmer	
Smith	John		Carpenter	
Whitaker	Jane	Mrs.	Farmer	Grant's farm
Whitaker	John Saffery		Farmer	
		Wilkins & Cogswell	Wool spinners & carders	