Kelly's Directory 1875

WINTERBOURNE EARLS (or Lower Winterbourne) is a parish and village, in the Southern division of the county, Amesbury union, Alderbury hundred, Salisbury county court district, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury and Amesbury rural deanery, situated in the Bourne valley, 3¹/₂ miles north-east from Salisbury, and 6 south from Amesbury.

The church of St Michael is a fine Gothic structure, built near the site of the old church in 1868. It comprises chancel, nave, and south aisle, and square tower containing 2 bells. The windows in the chancel are filled with stained glass; the east window contains three lights, the centre one representing The Birth, Crucifixion, and Ascension of Our Lord.

The new church serves for both this parish and that of Winterbourne Dantsey, as these two parishes have lately been united for ecclesiastical purposes, and the church of the latter parish has been taken down. The register of this parish dates from 1567, that of Winterbourne Dantsey from 1561.

The living is a vicarage, yearly value £250, in the gift of the Bishop of the diocese, and held by the Rev John Hockin Cartwright, B.A., of Exeter College, Oxford.

Here is a National school for use of this and the adjoining parishes of Winterbourne Dantsey and Winterbourne Gunner.

Tanner's charity of £2 17s yearly is for fuel and clothing.

The hamlet of Hurdcott, half a mile south, consists of a large number of cottages and a small Wesleyan chapel. G Fort, esq., is lord of the manor of Winterbourne Earls and Mrs King Wyndham is lady of the manor of Hurdcott; the foregoing are also chief landowners.

The soil is chalk, subsoil same. The chief crops are wheat, barley and roots. The area is 1,616, rateable value £2,180. The population in 1871 was 287.

Letters arrive from Salisbury via Winterbourne Dantsey at 8am, leave at 6.30pm. Salisbury is the nearest money order office.

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Cartwright, Rev	John Hockin, B.A.	Vicar
Lanham	Henry	Parish Clerk
Mundy	Samuel	
Godwin	John	Farmer, Manor Farm
Marks	George	Cabinet Maker
Read	James	Farmer
Rose	Charles	Farmer
Saunders. Miss	Mary	National Schoolmistress
Street, Miss	Esther	Seminary for Young Ladies, Hurdcott
Williams	Charles	Black Horse & Blacksmith, Hurdcott
Williams	William	Boot Maker, Hurdcott