

Kelly's Directory 1848

SEMLEY is a parish bounded on the west by Sedgehill and on the north by Tisbury, situated 20 miles south west of Salisbury and 3 north of Shaftesbury, running nearly east and west and laying in a beautiful valley; there is richly wooded country in the background on the north and the Dorsetshire hills are seen in the distance stretching along its front on the south. It is in the Chalke Hundred, Tisbury Union and Hindon Division, containing 736 inhabitants and 2,646 acres of corn and pasture land.

The church, an ancient cruciform structure, has a nave and chancel with a square tower, turreted and embattled, containing 4 bells; at each corner are pinnacles. In 1846 the church was repaired and beautified. A handsome font made from Tisbury stone was presented by Miss Bennet of Pyt House.

The living is a rectory, valued at £665, in the diocese of Sarum, the gift of Christ Church Oxford. The incumbent is the Rev Ralph Ord M.A. instituted into this rectory in 1812.

There is a National school for boys and girls. Lord Arundel is lord of the manor.

Letters have to be sent to Shaftesbury. Carrier to Bath - Bracher, leaves Semley Tues & returns Thurs.

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Names	Industry/Occupation
Ord, Rev	Ralph	Semley Rectory
Baker	Robert	Chaldicot's Farm
Baker	Thomas	Farmer, Bowmarsh Farm
Boring	Robert	Blacksmith
Bracher	John	Farmer, Malthouse Farm
Bracher	William	Farmer, Broad Oak Farm
Brown	Thomas	Farmer, Knipe's Farm
Burdon	Jonah	Carpenter
Burton, Mrs	Sarah	Farmer, Conduit Farm
Burt	Frederick	Farmer, Chaffey Farm
Burt	Hugh	Farmer, Hook Farm
Clark	James	Farmer, Savage Farm
Combes	James	Farmer, West Wood Farm
Fifett	James	Farmer, Billy Farm
Fifett, Mrs	Sarah	Farmer, East End Farm
Ford	John	Farmer, Oyster's Farm
Fowler	Frederick	Mason
Fowler	Robert	Mason
Fowler	William	Mason
Goddard	James	Farmer, Old House Farm
Gray	John	Shopkeeper
Haines	Edward	Farmer, West Farm
Hull	Charles	Farmer, Hatt's Farm
James	George	Beer Retailer
King	Henry	Farmer, Share Farm
Maidment, Mrs	Charlotte	National Schoolmistress
Mullins	Stephen	Shopkeeper
Parrott	Joseph	Farmer, Copse Farm
Pike	Caleb	Farmer, Amberleaze Farm
Pike	George	Farmer, Rixon's Farm
Pike	James	Farmer, Parham Farm
Pike	William	Farmer, Whitebridge Farm
Rogers	John	Shoemaker
Scammell	Samuel	Parish Clerk
Targett	Anthony	Farmer, Church Green Farm
White	Christopher	Farmer, Seynear's Farm
White	George	Blacksmith
White	John	Farmer, Marsh Farm
Vincent	Charles	Farmer, Sinyear's Farm