

## Kelly's Directory 1911

SEMLEY is a parish, running nearly east and west and lying in a beautiful valley, with station, 1¼ miles from the church, on the Salisbury and Yeovil branch of the London and South Western Railway, 20 miles south west from Salisbury, 6 south east from Mere, 3 north from Shaftesbury and 101 from London, in the Southern division of the county, Chalke Hundred, Tisbury Union, Shaftesbury County Court district, Tisbury and Mere petty sessions division, rural deanery of Chalke (Tisbury Portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury.

There is a richly wooded country in the background on the north and the Dorsetshire hills are seen in the distance stretching along its front in the south.

The old church of St Leonard, an ancient cruciform structure, was pulled down in January 1874 and the present building erected in 1875 at the expense of the Dowager Marchioness of Westminster: it is of Bath, Ham Hill and local stone, in the Early Decorated style and consists of chancel with south aisle, nave of four bays, south aisle and a lofty embattled western tower with clock and 6 bells.

There is a stained window in the chancel to the Rev. Henry Hall M.A., and others to Arthur and Lucy Fane, the late Vere Fane Benett-Stanford Esq; to John Edward Benett of Pyt House; to the memory of seven officers killed at the Gate Pa Fort in New Zealand on 30th April 1864 and to Mrs. Pike of Musters. In the nave are two tablets to the Benett-Stanford and Pike families. The church affords sittings 350. The register dates from the year 1657.

The living is a rectory, net yearly value £397, including 98 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of Christ Church Oxford, and held since 1878 by the Rev. Louis Kercheval Hilton B.A. of Jesus College Cambridge, and M.A. of Magdalen College Oxford.

Here is a Baptist chapel which was built in 1817 to seat 250 persons.

£2 2s yearly were left in 1779 by John Parham for clothes, and the interest on £300 left by Miss Dinah Bracher, for the poor of the parish.

Lady Arundell of Wardour is Lady of the Manor. The Principal landowners are Capt. J.M. Benett-Stanford of Hatch House and Lady Octavia Shaw-Stewart of Fonthill Abbey.

The soil is clay, subsoil gravel. The land is principally pasturage, arable growing wheat, oats and barley. The area is 2,980 acres of land, rateable value £7,328. The population in 1901 was 620.

Parish Clerk - Fred Knight

Post Office - Mrs Sarah Jane Rogers, Sub Postmistress  
Letters arrive from Shaftesbury at 8.20 am & 6.30 pm on week days & 8.5 am Sundays  
Dispatched 12.15, 4.45 & 7 pm on week days & 10.30 am on Sundays.

Semley Station, 1 mile distant, is the nearest money order office  
Semley Railway Station is the nearest telegraph office

Post & M.O. Office, Semley Station - William Davitt, Sub Postmaster  
Letters arrive from Shaftesbury at 7.10 & 10.30 am  
Dispatched 10.40 & 5.15 & 7.30 pm & 11 am Sunday

The telegraph office is at the Railway Station which is closed on Sundays; no telegraph money order business transacted.

Railway Station - George H Holter, Stationmaster

Elementary School (mixed) for 80 children, average attendance 61 - Miss Edith Jane Read, Mistress  
Infant School, for 70 children, average attendance 42 - Miss Emma Gertrude Green, Mistress  
A house adjoining the schools is provided for the mistresses

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

| Surname        | Given Names     | Industry/Occupation                                |
|----------------|-----------------|--|
| Armstrong, Mrs |                 | Broad Oak  |
| Bracher, Mrs   |                 | The Cottage  |
| Culley, Mrs    |                 | Grove House  |
| Hilton, Rev    | Louis Kercheval | Rector, The Rectory                                |
| Stonier, Rev   | William Peter   | Baptist Minister, The Manse                        |
| Baker          | Austin Tom      | Chadicotts Farm                                    |
| Baker          | Harry           | Marsh Farm   |
| Baker          | Robert          | Westwood   |
| Signal         | James E         | Railway Commercial Hotel & Posting House           |
| Burden         | Rice            | Shopkeeper   |
| Burrows        | Percy           | Farmer   |
| Burrows        | Theodore        | Farmer   |
| Creed          | Charles Edmund  | Wheelwright  |
| Davitt         | William         | Manager, Salisbury Semley & Gillingham Dairies Ltd |
| Davitt         | William         | Sub-Postmaster, Post & MO Office, Semley Station   |
| Doggrell       | Tom             | Farmer, East End Farm                              |
| Doggrell       | William         | Farmer, Kirton & Oysters Farms                     |
| Foot           | Edwin           | Farmer, The Common                                 |
| Ford           | William         | Farmer, Hook Farm                                  |
| Fowler, Mrs    | Elizabeth       | Baker & Shopkeeper                                 |
| Gray           | Samuel          | Farmer, Westwood                                   |
| Green, Miss    | Emma Gertrude   | Schoolmistress                                     |
| Herrington     | Bros            | Farmers, Church Farm                               |
| Holloway       | James A         | Farmer   |
| Holter         | George H        | Stationmaster, Semley Station                      |
| James          | Edwin Joseph    | Butcher  |
| James          | Ernest          | Farmer, Conduit & Malthouse Farms                  |
| James          | Tom             | Farmer, Leggats Farm                               |
| Knight         | Fred            | Parish Clerk                                       |
| King           | James           | Benett Arms Inn                                    |
| Maidment       | Henry           | Farmer, Knipe's & Glebe Farms                      |
| Marchant       | Henry Thomas    | Wheelwright  |
| Pike           | Frederick       | Musters  |
| Pike           | Walter S        | Farmer, Whitebridge Farm                           |
| Pitman         | Bros            | Game Dealers                                       |
| Read, Miss     | Edith Jane      | Schoolmistress                                     |
| Rogers, Mrs    | & Son           | Grocers, Bakers, Drapers & Post Office             |
| Sully          | William         | Blacksmith   |
| Westcott       | J & Son         | Coal and Manure Merchants                          |
| White          | Robert          | Farmer, Billhay and Amberleaze Farms               |
| Worthy         | James           | Farmer, Bowmarsh Farm                              |
| Young          | Ernest G        | Farmer, Harthill Farm                              |