

MISTERTON (or Minsterton) is a parish, with the hamlets of Poultney and Walcote, the latter being nearly 2 miles east from Lutterworth and 4 west from Kibworth station on the Rugby and Market Harborough branch of the London and North Western railway and 8 north-west from Rugby, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Guthlaxton (third portion), Lutterworth petty sessional division, union and county court district, rural deanery of Guthlaxton (third portion), archdeaconry of Leicester and diocese of Peterborough. The small river Swift passes through the parish. The church of St. Leonard is a building of stone in Early English and Decorated styles of the 13th and 14th centuries, consisting of chancel, clerestoried nave of four bays, aisles, south porch and a tower with octagonal broach spire containing 4 bells, two of which are dated 1675 and 1620 respectively, and the other two 1607: all the chancel windows and one at the east end of the south aisle are stained: the carved marble retables, representing "The Lord's Supper," was presented by the Rev. Henry Teush-Hecker M.A. late rector (1868-80). In the south side of the chancel is an altar tomb with the effigy of a knight in armour, and a shield of arms and inscription to Michael Poultney, some time Lord of Poultney and Misterton, ob. 1567; opposite is another altar tomb, once richly emblazoned in colours, with the armorial bearings of the Poultney family, and inscribed to John Poultney, ob. 1637: several fine fragments of ancient oak carving and panelling have been preserved: the church was restored in 1863, principally at the expense of the late Rev. George Henry Franks, rector from

1835, and has 350 sittings. The register dates from the year 1558. The living is a rectory, average tithe rent-charge £460, net yearly value £300, including 220 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of Mrs. Bamford and held since 1880 by the Very Rev. John Cotter MacDonnell D.D. of Trinity College, Dublin, late Dean of Cashel, canon residentiary of Peterborough, chaplain to the Bishop of Peterborough, and surrogate. There are a few small parochial charities. Misterton Hall, a fine mansion, the property of Mrs. Bamford, is now occupied by Robert Borwick esq.; the park, extending over about 34 acres, with a small lake, is studded with fine old trees and is a favourite meet of the Pytchley fox-hounds. Walcote House is the seat of Captain Corbet Smith J.P. Mrs. Bamford is lady of the manor and principal landowner. The soil is gravel and clay; subsoil, the same. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats and roots. The area is 3,885 acres of land and 7 of water; rateable value, £5,520; the population in 1891 was 449, mostly in Walcote, a hamlet half a mile east.

Poultney has only a few farms.

Parish Clerk and Sexton, William Tilcock.

Post Office, Walcote.—William Knapp, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive through Lutterworth at 6.45 a.m.; dispatched at 6.15 p.m.; Sunday delivery, 6.45, dispatch 11.35 a.m. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Lutterworth

National School (mixed), erected in 1857, for 100 children; average attendance, 68; Frederick Tyler, mstr Carrier to Rugby—Charles Ball, sat

MISTERTON.

Borwick Robert, The Hall
MacDonnell Very Rev. John Cotter
D.D. Rectory
Dunne John, head gardener to R.
Borwick esq. Misterton hall
Llansbury Anthony, farmer
Wagstaff Matthew, farmer

WALCOTE.

Bentley Joseph
Devonshire Mrs
Smith Capt. Corbet J.P. Walcote house
Archer William, blacksmith
Atkinson William, farmer (Letters through Rugby)

Bailey Joseph, shoe maker
Baker Mark, grazier
Ball Benjamin, grazier
Ball Benjamin, jun. farmer
Ball Charles, carrier
Bates Samuel, grazier
Ballard Herbert, grazier
Bates Thomas, farmer
Burdett Simon, beer retailer
Cook John, shopkeeper
Dye George, carpenter
Goodman David, grazier
Hall Thomas, farmer
Harper William, farmer
Jackson William (Mrs.), farmer
Jolly William, farmer

Mayou Elizabeth (Miss), farmer
Moore Henry, blacksmith
Morris Jn. Black Horse P.H. & grocer
Reynolds Louisa (Mrs.), farmer
Sarson Joseph, Bull's Head P.H
Shilcock Edwin, farmer
Townsend Charles, machine owner
Voss George, farmer
Woodhead Mark, Red Lion P.H

POULTNEY.

Atkinson William John, farmer
Harper Edward, farmer
Harris Frederick, farmer
Massey Abraham, farmer
Masters Joseph, farmer

MOUNTSORREL is a small market town, township and parish formed out of Barrow-on-Soar, 4th Aug. 1868, and is 1½ miles west from Sibley station, and 2 south from Barrow station on the main line of the Midland railway, 4 miles south from Loughborough, 7 north from Leicester and 105 from London, in the Mid division of the county, West Goscote hundred, Loughborough petty sessional division and county court district, Barrow-on-Soar union, rural deanery of East Akeley, archdeaconry of Leicester and diocese of Peterborough: the town is pleasantly seated on rising ground on the west side of the river Soar, over which an iron bridge was erected in 1860. A complete system of drainage has been carried out by Mr. George Hodson C.E. of Loughborough. There are two churches. The church of St. Peter, Mountsorrel North, is a building of granite in the Perpendicular style, consisting of chancel, nave, aisle and an embattled tower at the north-west angle, with a plain parapet and containing 6 bells, 3 dated 1627, 1674, 1813, and 3 others added in 1882: in the chancel are two stained windows, erected in 1872 by Henry Armstrong esq. of Quorndon, and others to the memory of William Beveridge D.D. Bishop of St. Asaph (1704-8), and a native of Barrow-on-Soar: in the aisle is another, erected by the parishioners: the communion plate includes a silver chalice dated 1574: the church was thoroughly restored and reseated and a vestry added in 1888, at a cost of £865 and has 250 sittings. The register dates from the year 1657 and is in good condition. The living is a vicarage, gross yearly value £325, net £315, chiefly derived from a bequest made by Dr. Beveridge, Bishop of St. Asaph, in the year 1706, a sum of £40 yearly being added out of the Mountsorrel charities; it is in the gift of the Bishop of Peterborough, and held since 1888 by the Rev. William John Lewis, of Queen's College, Birmingham. Mountsorrel South End was formed into an ecclesiastical parish out of Rothley in 1842. Christ Church, erected in 1844, at the sole cost of Miss Brinton, a lady resident in Berkshire, is a small building of local granite, in the Gothic style, consisting of chancel, nave and a western tower, with octagonal spire, containing one bell; there are 250 sittings. The register dates from the year 1844. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value

£151, including 20 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of Miss Rachel Kemble, and held since 1893 by the Rev. John Leathley Nightingale M.A. of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and chaplain of Barrow-on-Soar union. The endowment amounts to £90 yearly. Here are Wesleyan, General Baptist and Methodist chapels. The General Baptist chapel, built in 1879, is of granite with Bath stone dressings. The cemetery, on the Loughborough road, was formed in 1860, at a cost of £1,000, and covers 1½ acres, with two mortuary chapels; it is under the control of a parish council of 9 members. The Mechanics' Institute was originally built in 1847 at the cost of the Countess of Lanesborough, as an infants' school. The hills in this parish supply a remarkably hard and durable red and grey syenite or granite, much of which is used for millstones, paving, road-making and building: since the establishment of the Mountsorrel Granite Works, about 40 years ago, the quarries have been extensively worked, and employ more than 600 men and boys of the town and neighbourhood. In 1860 a branch line of railway was made to convey the granite from the works to the Barrow-on-Soar station on the Midland Company's line, and vast quantities are thus dispatched. Stocking weaving is carried on, but to a very limited extent. On Castle Hill, which rises boldly and precipitously to a height of 100 feet, nearly overhanging the houses, formerly stood a strong fortress, demolished, it is said, by order of Henry III. The old market cross, which formerly stood near the centre of the town, was removed at the close of the last century by Sir John Danvers bart. to his grounds at Swithland, now the property of Lord Lanesborough, and on its site he erected an open circular building for a market house, consisting of eight cylindrical columns supporting a stone entablature, from which springs a hemispherical cupola, surmounted by a vase or urn. The fair begins 10 July, and continues for nine days. The Cottage Hospital and Convalescent Home was established by the Mountsorrel Granite Company. Here are almshouses, erected and endowed by Anne Castledine, and charities of £200 yearly value. The Earl of Lanesborough is lord of the manor and principal landowner. The area is 552 acres; rateable value, £6,452; the population in

1891 was, St. Peter's ecclesiastical parish 1,157 and Christchurch, 1,104. The townships of Mountsorrel North End and Mountsorrel South End were in 1881 amalgamated under the name of Mountsorrel.

Parish Clerks, Thomas Gilbert (St. Peter's); Joseph Porter (Christ Church).

Post, M. O. & T. O., S. B., Express Delivery & Insurance & Annuity Office.—William Roscoe Hambledon, sub-postmaster. Letters received through Loughborough at 6.30 a.m. & 3 p.m.; dispatched thereto at 11.15 a.m. & 6.15 p.m.; 1 p.m. on Sunday

Wall Letter Boxes.—Leicester road, cleared 11 a.m. & 5.45 p.m.; Sunday, 12.45 p.m. Loughborough road, cleared 11.15 a.m. & 6.15 p.m.; Sunday, 1.5 p.m.; near the green 11 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.

Public Officers.

Certifying Factory Surgeon, Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator, Rothley District, Barrow-on-Soar Union, William Paulson L.R.C.P.Lond

Certifying Factory Surgeon for Mountsorrel & Medical Officer of Health Quorn Urban District Council, Herbert Skipworth L.R.C.P.Irel

Clerk to the Parish Council & Registrar of Cemetery for Mountsorrel, William R. Hambledon, Post office

Inland Revenue Officer, Francis Thomas Shute, Sibley

Poor Rate Collector, George Bampton

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Barrs Henry, Woodview

Boulton John

Carpenter Rev. Robert Withers (curate of Christ Church)

Diggle Richd. Wm. Lomax, The Poplars

Ellis Miss

Gibbs Alfred Randall

Harrington William

Jacques Miss

Lewis Rev. William John (vicar of St. Peter's)

Nightingale Rev. John Leathley M.A. Christ Church vicarage

Paulson William

Scott John Joseph Fairfax

Skipworth Herbert

COMMERCIAL.

Baker Geo. manager of Mountsorrel & Stanton Granite Company's Quarries Limited

Bampton George, White Swan commercial hotel & posting house, grocer, farmer & rate collector & insur. agt

Bampton James, beer retailer

Barrs John Henry, carrier

Baum Eliza (Mrs.), general dealer

Berdinner Thomas, grocer

Billson Ann (Mrs.), shoe dealer

Billson Joseph, Griffin P.H.

Boaden Thomas James, Railway inn

Boulton John, maltster

Bradshaw Sarah (Mrs.), general dealer

Brooks Emma (Mrs.), draper

Brown Joseph, saddler

Burnham Alfred, chimney sweeper

Burton Thos. & Sons, market grdnrs

Chamberlain William, hosier

Chapman George, bricklayer, & Old Anchor P.H.

Coltman Thos. carpenter & beer retrl

Cottage Hospital & Convalescent Home (Herbert Skipworth L.R.C.P.Irel. medical officer)

Cox Elijah, cab & omnibus proprtr

Dennis Helen (Mrs.), shopkeeper

Dilks John, builder

Disney Thomas, boot & shoe maker

Dodson John, baker & confectioner

Freer Amos, shopkeeper

Gamble Thomas, butcher

Gilbert Thomas, carpenter, & parish clerk of St. Peter's

Hambledon William R. clerk to parish council, registrar of cemetery for Mountsorrel & post office

Hardy Edward, builder

Harrald Jn. Hy. plumber & grazier

Harrington Wm. insur. agt. & trav. for Mountsorrel Granite Co. Lim

Jacques Harriett (Mrs.), baker

Jacques Robert, needle maker, fruiter, & corn dealer

Jelly Joseph, coal merchant

Johnson Harry, grocer

Johnson Wm. Stag & Pheasant P.H.

Leake Brothers, grocers & insurance agents & agents for W. & A. Gilbey

Lim. wine & spirit merchants

Lenton Edward, baker

Marson Emma A. (Mrs.), Nag's Head P.H.

Mason Geo. King William IV. P.H.

Moore Francis, baker

Morley James Bingley, relieving, sch. attendance & inquiry & vaccination officer, Barrow district, Barrow-on-Soar union

Morris Harry, builder

Mountsorrel Cemetery (William R. Hambledon, clerk to the parish council & registrar of the cemetery)

Loughborough road

Mountsorrel Granite Co. Limited; London agents, J. Mowlem & Co.

Grosvenor wharf, Millbank, Lndn SW

Neal George, grocer

Oliver Richard, beer retrl. & carrier

Paulson William L.R.C.P.Lond. surgeon, & certifying factory surgeon & medical officer & public

vaccinator, Rothley district, Barrow-on-Soar union

Relieving, School Attendance & Inquiry & Vaccination Officer, Barrow District, Barrow-on-Soar Union, James Bingley Morley

Schools.

St. Peter's (mixed & infants), erected in 1870, for 400 children; average attendance, 160 boys & girls & 120 infants; Worsdale Turner A.C.P. master; Miss Louisa Kirby, infants' mistress

Christ Church (mixed & infants), erected in 1870, for 400 children; average attendance, 100 boys & girls & 100 infants; G. A. Mosedale, master; Miss Annie Williamson, infants' mistress

Carriers passing through:—

Barrs, to Leicester, Mon. Wed. & Sat.; to Loughborough, Thurs.; returning same days

York, from Quorn to Leicester, Wed. & Sat. returning in the evening

Mann, from Barrow-on-Soar to Leicester, Wed. & Sat. returning in the evening

Neal, to Leicester, daily; & Oliver, to Loughboro', daily

Cooke's & Cox's omnibus, to Leicester, Mon. Wed. Sat. & Sun.; to Loughborough, Thurs. & Sat

Water Conveyance.—Canal boats leave Jelly's wharf frequently. Goods are conveyed to any part of the kingdom

vaccinator, Rothley district, Barrow-on-Soar union

Pepper Frederick & William, butchers

Pepper William, farmer

Phillips E. & F. (Misses), grocers

Porter Joseph, grazier

Porter Joseph, parish clerk of Christ church

Posnett John, farmer

Potter James, beer retailer

Preston Benjamin, coal & insurance agent & grocer

Radley George, watch maker

Read Joseph Hood, shoeing smith

Red Lion Coffee Tavern (Wellwood McGowan, manager)

Seaton Theodore, dairyman

Simpson William, butcher

Skipworth Herbert, L.R.C.P. & J.M. Irel. surgeon, & medical officer of health, Quorn urban district council, certifying factory surgeon for Mountsorrel & surgeon to Mount-

sorrel cottage hospital

Smith John, builder

Smith John Sleath, miller (water & steam), Mountsorrel mills

Smith Mark, boot & shoe maker

Spence William J. grocer, beer retailer & haberdasher

Staley Stephen, grocer

Thornton Henry, chimney sweeper

Throssell John, Exhibition inn

Turlington George, tailor & draper

Tyler John, Duke of York P.H.

Vickers George, Crown & Thistle P.H.

Whittle William, farmer

Willet Fred, baker & Bull's Mouth P.H.

Wilson Arthur, painter

Wilson Chas. & Peter Preston, potato merchants

Wilson Joseph, grocer

Woolley John, brick maker, & farmer

Wright Isaac, manager to Groby Granite Co

MOWSLEY is a township and chapelry in Knaptoft parish, 6 miles north-west-by-west from Market Harborough, 2 north from Theddingworth station on the Rugby and Market Harborough branch of the London and North Western railway and 12 south-east-by-south from Leicester, Southern division of the county, hundred of Gartree, Market Harborough petty sessional division, union and county court district, rural deanery of Guthlaxton (third portion), archdeaconry of Leicester and diocese of Peterborough. The Grand Union canal passes 1½ miles south of this place. The church of St. Nicholas is a small but ancient cruciform building of stone, in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave, transepts, south porch and an open western turret containing one bell: the upper part of the communion table is formed of a massive stone altar slab, 10ft. in length, formerly in the floor near the doorway, but replaced, in 1873, in what is believed to have been its

original position: the stained east window was the gift of Elizabeth Bingley: there are piscinæ in the north and south transepts, and an ancient font: the pulpit is a memorial to the Rev. Plumpton Wilson LL.B. a former rector: the church plate includes a chalice of silver, with the inscription, "Mowsley Cup, 1662;" and a silver paten, given in 1879 by the guild: the church was restored in 1882, at a cost of £1,700, and the porch in 1890: there are 130 sittings. The register dates for baptisms from 1660; marriages, 1698; burials, 1660; and is in good condition. The living is a chapelry, annexed, with other benefices, to the rectory of Knaptoft, joint gross yearly value £664, net £550, arising from 590 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Peake family, and held since 1876 by the Rev. John Henry Green M.A. of Wadham College, Oxford. There are Congregational and Wesleyan chapels. The manorial rights belong to the Crown in right of the Duchy of