

**MISTERTON** (or **MINSTERTON**) is a parish, with the hamlets of **POULTNEY** and **WALCOTE**, the latter being nearly 2 miles east from Lutterworth 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 or 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 reredos, 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 Poultny, some time Lord of Poultny and Misterton, *ob.* 1567; opposite is another altar tomb, once richly emblazoned in colours, with the armorial bearings of the Poultny family, and inscribed to John Poultny, *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

#### Misterton.

Hazlehurst Thos. Fras. D.L., J.P. The Hall  
MacDonnell Very Rev. John Cotter D.D.  
Rectory  
Shelton Thomas, farmer

#### Walcote.

Bond Henry  
Channer John Sharp, Walcote lodge  
Devonshire Mrs  
Smith Capt. Corbet J.P. Walcote house

#### COMMERCIAL.

Archer Wm. Bull's Head P.H. & blacksmith  
Bailey Joseph, shoe maker  
Baker Mark, grazier  
Ball Benjamin, grazier

Ball Charles, carrier  
Ballard John, farmer  
Bates Samuel, grazier  
Burdett Simon, beer retailer  
Clark Wm. head gamekeeper at the Hall  
Coleman George William, carpenter  
Cook John, jun. shopkeeper  
Cox Henry, head groom at the Hall  
Daniel William, grazier  
Dye George, carpenter  
Faulkner Alfred, farmer  
Frearson George, farmer  
Goodman David, grazier  
Hall Thomas, farmer  
Harper William, farmer  
Jackson William, farmer  
Jones Edward, farmer

sittings. The register dates from the year 1558. The living is a rectory, average tithe rent-charge £500, net yearly value £210, including 220 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of Charles Bamford esq. 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 Charles Bamford esq. is now occupied by Thomas Francis Hazlehurst esq. J.P.; the park, extending over about 34 acres, is studded with fine old trees, and is a favourite meet of the Pytchley fox-hounds. Walcote House is the seat of Capt. Corbet Smith J.P. Charles Bamford esq. is lord 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 3,581 acres; rateable value, £5,917; the population in 1881 was 486, mostly in **WALCOTE**, a hamlet half a mile east.

**POULTNEY** has only a few farms.

Parish Clerk and Sexton, John Cook.

**POST OFFICE, Walcote.**—William Knapp, sub-postmaster.

Letters arrive through Lutterworth at 7 a.m.; dispatched at 6.15 p.m. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Lutterworth

National School (mixed), erected in 1857, for 100 children; average attendance, 68; Frederick Tyler, master

**CARRIER TO RUGBY.**—Charles Ball, sat

Mayou Elizabeth (Miss), farmer  
Moore Henry, blacksmith  
Morris John, Black Horse P.H. & grocer  
Richardson Wm. Francis, Red Lion P.H.  
Robinson William, carpenter  
Shaw George, grazier  
Shilcock Edwin, farmer  
Townsend Charles, machine owner  
Voss George, farmer  
Voss Joseph, farmer

#### Poultny.

Frost Josiah, farmer  
Harper Edward, farmer  
Harris Frederick, farmer  
Hubbard William Coltman, farmer  
Masters Joseph, farmer

**MOUNTSORREL** is a small market town, township and parish formed out of Barrow-on-Soar, 4th Aug. 1868, 4 miles south from Loughborough, 7 north from Leicester, 1½ west from Sibley station, and 2 south from Barrow station on the main line of the Midland railway 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 £450, and has 250 sittings. The register dates from the year 1657 and is in good condition. The living is a vicarage, gross yearly value £280, 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 £154, including 20 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of Miss Rachel Kemble, and held since 1883 by the Rev. Charles Campe, 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, situated 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 Burial Board of 12 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 mill-stones, paving, road-making and building: since the establishment of the Mountsorrel Granite Works, the quarries have been more 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 551 acres; rateable value, £6,149; the population in 1881 was, North End, 1,272: South End, 1,045.

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

**POST, M. O. & T. O., S. B. & Insurance & Annuity Office.**—Elijah Jacques, 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 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.

**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 Sanitary District, Herbert Skipworth L.R.C.P. Irel  
 Assistant Overseer, George Bampton  
 Clerk to the Burial Board & Registrar of Cemetery for Mountsorrel, Elijah Jacques, Post office  
 Inland Revenue Officer, Frs. Thos. Shute, White Swan hotel  
 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

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Campe Rev. Chas. Christ Church vicarage  
 Diggle Richard Wm. Lomax, The Poplars  
 Drake Herbert  
 Hewitt Charles  
 Jacques Miss  
 Lewis Rev. Wm. John [vicar of St. Peter's]  
 Merryweather Mrs  
 Paulson William  
 Sankey Miss  
 Scott John Joseph Fairfax  
 Skipworth Herbert  
 Summerfield Samson Place

COMMERCIAL.

Andrew Stephen, shopkeeper  
 Baker George, manager of Mountsorrel & Stanton Granite Company's Quarries Limited  
 Bampton George, White Swan commercial hotel & posting house, grocer, farmer & rate collector & assistant overseer & insurance agent  
 Bampton Harry, beer retlr. & shopkeeper  
 Barrs Elizabeth (Mrs.), Railway inn  
 Barrs John Henry, carrier  
 Bates William, maltster  
 Baum Henry, hair dresser  
 Baum William, general dealer  
 Berdinner Thomas, grocer  
 Billson Ann (Mrs.), shoe maker  
 Billson Geo. baker, & Bull's Mouth P.H.  
 Billson Joseph, Griffin P.H.  
 Bishop William, hosier  
 Blackie John Thomas, King William IV. P.H.; good accommodation for cyclists & pleasure parties  
 Bradshaw Sarah (Mrs.), general dealer  
 Brooks Edward Peel, draper  
 Brown Joseph, saddler  
 Burnham Alfred, chimney sweeper  
 Burton Thos. & Sons, market gardeners  
 Chapman George, bricklayer, & Old Anchor P.H.  
 Clark Isaac, boot & shoe maker  
 Coltman Thos. carpenter & beer retlr

Cooke Danl. & Marshall, omnibus proprs  
 Cottage Hospital & Convalescent Home (Herbert Skipworth L.R.C.P. Irel. medical officer)  
 Cox Elijah, cab & omnibus proprietor  
 Dilks John, builder  
 Disney Thomas, boot & shoe maker  
 Dodson John, baker & confectioner; wholemeal bread, noted pork pies &c  
 Freer Amos, shopkeeper  
 Gamble Thomas, butcher  
 Garrett Harriet (Mrs.), grocer  
 Gee Harriet (Mrs.), butcher  
 Gilbert Thomas, carpenter, & parish clerk of St. Peter's  
 Harrald John Henry, plumber & glazier  
 Harrington William, insurance agent & trav. for Mountsorrel Granite Co. Lim  
 Herrick Thomas, grocer  
 Hunt Thomas, hosier  
 Jacques Elijah, needle maker, clerk to burial board & registrar of cemetery for Mountsorrel, Post office  
 Jacques Robert, fruiterer & corn dealer  
 Jacques Walter, insurance agent  
 Jacques William, baker  
 Jelly Joseph, coal merchant  
 Johnson William, Stag & Pheasant P.H.  
 Leake Charles Francis, grocer & insurance agent  
 Moore Francis, baker  
 Morley James Bingley, relieving, school attendance & inquiry & vaccination officer, Barrow district, Barrow-on-Soar union  
 Morris Harry, builder  
 Mountsorrel Cemetery (Elijah Jacques, clerk to the burial board & registrar), Loughborough road  
 Mountsorrel Granite Co. Lim.; London agents, J. Mowlem & Co. Grosvenor wharf, Millbank, London s w  
 Neal George, grocer  
 Oliver Richard, beer retailer & carrier  
 Pepper William, farmer  
 Posnett John, farmer

children; average attendance, 100 boys & girls & 100 infants; Henry Wood, master; Miss Alice Whitehead, infants' mistress  
**CARRIERS PASSING THROUGH:—**  
 Barrs, to Leicester, mon. wed. & sat.; to Loughborough, thurs.; returning same days  
 Marston, 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

Paulson William L.R.C.P. Lond. surgeon, & certifying factory surgeon & medical officer & public vaccinator, Rothley district, Barrow-on-Soar union  
 Potter James, beer retailer  
 Preston Benj. coal & insurance agent  
 Preston Mary (Miss), grocer  
 Radley George, watch maker  
 Read Joseph Hood, shoeing smith  
 Red Lion Coffee Tavern (Wellwood McGowan, manager)  
 Savidge Edward, baker & pork butcher  
 Seaton Theodore, dairyman  
 Shute Francis Thomas, inland revenue officer, White Swan hotel  
 Simpson Samuel Priestley, Crown & Thistle P.H.  
 Simpson William, butcher  
 Skipworth Herbert L.R.C.P. & L.M. Irel. surgeon, & medical officer of health, Quorn urban sanitary district, certifying factory surgeon for Mountsorrel & surgn. to Mountsorrel cottage hosp  
 Smith John, builder  
 Smith John Sleath, miller (water & steam), Mountsorrel mills  
 Smith Mark, boot & shoe maker  
 Smith Martin, shoeing smith  
 Smith Mary Grace (Mrs.), grocer  
 Smith William, grocer & beer retailer  
 Taylor Herbert Henry, chemist  
 Thornton Henry, chimney sweeper  
 Throssell John, Exhibition inn  
 Turlington George, tailor & draper  
 Walker Henry, Duke of York P.H.  
 Ward H. (Miss), draper  
 Ward William, basket maker  
 Whittle William, farmer  
 Willcocks George, Nag's Head P.H.  
 Wilmore Henry, shopkeeper  
 Wilson Arthur, painter  
 Wilson Chas. & Peter Preston, potato mers  
 Wilson Joseph, grocer  
 Woolley John, brick maker & farmer  
 Wright Isaac, mgr. 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, roft. 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 parishioners: the church was restored in 1882, 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, consolidated with the rectory of Knaptoft, joint gross yearly value £664, arising from 590 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Peake family, and held since 1875 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 Lancaster; the tenants are free from tolls at markets and fairs. A manor court of the Duchy of Lancaster is held here twice a year at the "Staff of Life" inn. The principal landowners are Mrs. A. M. Thompson, Thomas Tertius Paget esq. D.L., J.P. of Humberstone and Mr. Dowell. The soil is good loam; subsoil, clay and gravel. The chief crops are wheat, beans, oat and barley. The area is 1,100 acres; rateable value, £2,007; the population in 1881 was 208.  
 Parish Clerk, Benjamin Partridge.

**POST OFFICE.**—Mrs. Elizabeth Freestone, receiver. Letters arrive from Rugby at 7.30 a.m.; dispatched at 5.45 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Theddingworth & telegraph office at Husbands Bosworth  
**National School** (mixed), erected for 40 children; average attendance, 27; Miss Margaret Alice Connelly, mistress  
**CARRIERS.**—Charles Hubbard & J. Parkinson, to Leicester, wed. & sat.; to Market Harborough, thurs

Allen Mrs  
 Chamberlin Mrs  
 Green Rev. John Henry M.A. Rectory  
 Payne Miss

**COMMERCIAL.**  
 Capell John, bricklayer & farmer  
 Carver William, carpenter  
 Chennells George, grazier

Clark Thomas, shoe maker  
 Freestone Elizh. (Mrs.), baker, Post office  
 Garlick John Burditt, grazier  
 Glover Thomas, saddler & harness ma