



COTTINGHAM/MIDDLETON – Kelly's Directory 1914 (Extract)

COTTINGHAM is a parish and village, separated from Leicestershire by the river Welland, and is seated on a declivity which marks the termination of the lias and the commencement of the inferior oolite, 2.5 miles south-west-by-west from Rockingham station on the Market Harborough and Peterborough branch of the London and North Western railway, and 3 miles north-west from Weldon station on the Kettering, Manton and Nottingham section of the Midland Railway, 9 miles north from Kettering, and 21 north-east-by-north from Northampton, in the Northern division of the county, hundred of Corby, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Kettering, rural deanery of Weldon (first portion), archdeaconry of Oakham and diocese of Peterborough.

The church of St. Mary Magdalene is an ancient structure of inferior oolite stone, in the Early English and Decorated styles, consisting of chancel, clerestoried nave, aisles, north transept, vestry and a western tower with pinnacles and an octagonal spire and containing 5 bells; one of the Decorated columns of the north aisle arcade has a remarkable capital, carved with figures of two knights in armour, a lady and a bishop or mitred abbot, all placed horizontally around it; in 1880 the church was thoroughly restored at a cost of over £2,600, the chancel being entirely rebuilt and fitted with oak seats, a vestry and transept added, the nave roof renewed, the pews removed and the nave supplied with chairs; a new organ was at the same time placed in the transept; and in 1890 a western porch was added; there are sittings for 385 persons. The register dates from the year 1574.

The living is a rectory, net yearly value £408, including 60 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Principal and Fellows of Brasenose College, Oxford, and held since 1901 by the Rev. Earle Augustus Langston M.A. of that college.

There is a Wesleyan Methodist Chapel here, built in 1878, and a Congregational chapel at Middleton, built in 1908. The reading room was opened in 1885.

A supply of excellent water derived from springs adjacent to the village is carried throughout this and the adjoining township of Middleton in iron pipes, with drinking fountains at intervals; the pipes were laid down at the expense of the copyholders in the year 1854.

The charities include the rent of 18 acres, left by William Downhall, in 1760, for keeping in repair a portion of the church, the overplus being given to the poor of Cottingham and Middleton; this land now produces about £26 yearly, which is chiefly distributed in fuel; and the rent of 1a.1r.39p. left by William Riddell, is for apprenticing



poor children, subject to such charges as may be necessary for keeping his tomb and others of his family in repair; there are also several small sums at interest for the benefit of the poor, now (1910) producing about £3 10s. a year.

A house for lerous persons is said to have been maintained here in the time of Henry III.

Bury House, the residence of Col. G.E.Ridley, is an ancient Georgian mansion standing in small grounds adjoining the village.

The copyholders are lords of the manor and hold their court annually on the first Thursday after 11th October.

Mrs. Pery Knox Gore, Sir Edward Geoffrey Broadley Palmer bart., Sir Arthur Richard de Capell-Brooke bart.J.P. and the Rev. Wentworth Watson M.A. are the principal landowners.

The soil is heavy clay and limestone; subsoil, ironstone; it is chiefly a grazing district, but yields heavy crops of wheat.

The area is 1,726 acres; rateable value £2,805; the population in 1911 was 573 in the civil, and 848 in the ecclesiastical parish.

Sexton, William Cannam.

Post. M.O. & T. & Telephone Call Office (to places within a limited distance), Cottingham – John Henry Chamberlain, sub-postmaster. Letters through Market Harborough arrive at 7.35 a.m. & 3.30 p.m.; dispatched at 11.25 a.m. & 5.55 p.m.; Sunday delivery, 9 a.m.; dispatched 10.20 a.m. Telegraph office open on Sunday 8.30 to 10 a.m.

MIDDLETON is a township in this parish adjoining Cottingham. The area is 1,661 acres of land and 5 of water; rateable value £2,468; population in 1911, 278.

Post Office, Middleton – Saml. Bottrill, sub-postmaster. Letters through Market Harborough delivered at 8.15 a.m. & 3.50 p.m.; box cleared at 10.50 a.m. & 5.10 p.m. week days only. Cottingham, adjoining, is the nearest money order & telegraph office.

Public Elementary School



Mixed, built in 1856, for 120 children; Thos. Beecroft, master; there is a house for the master. Infants, built in 1870, for 92 children.

Carriers – Arthur Claypole, to Market Harborough, tues. & sat.; to Kettering fri.; & Arthur Minns, to Kettering, fri. & Market Harborough, tues.



COTTINGHAM

PRIVATE RESIDENTS

Langston Rev. Earle Augustus M.A.
(rector), Rectory
Ripley Col. G.E., J.P. Bury House

COMMERCIAL

Adcock Henry, farmer
Almond Herbert, Royal George P.H.
Bradshaw Alfred, farmer
Buswell Alfred H., Crown inn
Chamberlain Ernest Alfred, baker
Chamberlain Jn. Hy., gro. Post office
Claypole John, farmer
Claypole William, farmer
Flaskett Emily (Mrs.), shopkeeper
Fuller Frederick, confectioner
Hobbs Andrew, farmer
Ingram Jesse, tailor & assistant overseer
Jarmen Charles, chimney sweeper
Jarvis James, farmer
Panter Frederick, baker
Peach Charles H., butcher
Reading Room (Thos. Sprigg, sec)
Reynolds William, farmer
Simpson Charles, farmer
Simpson Christopher Robert, mason
Simpson Francis, market gardener
Simpson John, mason
Stanger James, Spread Eagle P.H.

Sturman Edward, farmer
Sturman John, shoe maker
Wallis & Linnell Limited, clothing
manufacturers (branch)

MIDDLETON

Adcock Harold
Ashton Preston
Burgess Henry

COMMERCIAL

Adams Alfred, Woolpack P.H.
Adcock Harold M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A.
surgeon, & medical officer Corby district,
Kettering union
Aldwinckle William, farmer & grazier
Bayes George Ernest, Red Lion P.H.
Berry Charles, farmer & grazier
Bottrill Samuel, baker & post office
Bradshaw Charles, grazier
Burgess Henry, farmer & grazier
Buswell Elizabeth (Miss), shopkeeper
Carter Joseph Dixie, farmer
Curtis Thomas, shoe maker
Dexter Charles, rope maker & farmer &
assistant overseer
Johnson Arthur, painter & plumber
Loake Algernon, farmer, Jackdaw frm
Short George, farmer
Shrive Fredk., farmer, Hill House frm
Swingler Samuel, blacksmith
Swingler Thomas, carpenter
West Alfred, boot & shoe maker