



WELDON – Kelly’s Directory 1914 (Extract)

GREAT WELDON, with the village of Little Weldon, form a parish on the road from Stamford to Kettering, 2.5 miles east from Weldon and Corby station on the Nottingham and Kettering section of the Midland railway and 9 north-west from Oundle, in the Northern division of the county, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Kettering, hundred of Corby, rural deanery of Weldon (first portion), archdeaconry of Oakham and diocese of Peterborough.

The church of St. Mary is a building of stone, in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, clerestoried nave of six bays, aisles, south porch and a western tower with pinnacles, containing a clock and 6 bells; the east window is stained, and there is another representing the “Adoration of the Magi,” originally given to Sir William Hamilton K.B. by Lord Nelson, and placed in this church in 1893 by the late rector; in the south aisle is a memorial window, erected by the parishioners, to the Rev. The Hon. Daniel Heneage Finch-Hatton, a former rector, who died 3 Jan. 1866; a carved oak altar was placed in the church in 1910, as a memorial to the Rev. William Robert Finch-Hatton B.A. rector from 1864 to 1909; there are sittings for 420 persons. The register dates from the year 1594.

The living is a rectory, net yearly value £230, with residence, in the gift of the Earl of Winchilsea, and held since 1912 by the Rev. John Richard Yates M.A. of Christ’s College, Cambridge. The Congregational chapel here was built in 1792. There are several charities, together producing £30 yearly, for food and clothing, and in 1906 Miss Pywell left a sum producing £14 yearly to be distributed by the rector and churchwardens at Christmas to bachelors, spinsters and widowers of the parish over 65 years of age.

In the parish are extensive ironstone mines and ancient quarries of freestone, said to have been worked by the Romans. The market granted by charter is no longer held, and the market house has been pulled down; of the four fairs once held in February, May, July and November, only one is now held, viz., on the Thursday following the second Sunday in July. In an inclosure called “Chapel Fields”, the pavement of a Roman villa, forming a double square, 100 by 50 feet, and a great number of coins of the Lower Empire, besides some of Constantine, Constans and Magnentius, were discovered in 1738.

The Earl of Winchilsea is lord of the manor and principal landowner.

The soil is clayey; subsoil, clay and rock. The chief crops are turnips and barley and some land in pasture, which have largely given place to stock raising.

The area of Great Weldon is 2,647 acres and the rateable value, £3,206; the population in 1911 was 252.

The area of Little Weldon is 1,316 acres; rateable value £3,900; population in 1911, 585.

The population of Great Weldon ecclesiastical parish in 1911 was 837.

Parish Clerk, Robert Coles, Great Weldon.

Post. M.O. & T. & Telephone Express Delivery Office – Mrs. Harriet Aust, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive from Kettering at 7.35 a.m. & 3.20 p.m.; dispatched at 10.10 a.m. & 5.20 p.m.; there is no Sunday dispatch or delivery. Wall Letter Box at Little Weldon cleared at 5.50 p.m.

Public Elementary School (mixed), enlarged in 1871 & again in 1891, for 154 children; there is a house for the master; Henry T. Wright, master.

Carriers to – Kettering, Mark Prentice, mon. & fri.; John T. March, tues. & fri.; Oundle, Mark Prentice, thurs.; John T. March, thurs.

GREAT WELDON

Finch-Hatton Mrs. The Rectory
Rooke John, Weldon grange (letters
through Corby, Kettering)
Yates Rev. John Richard M.A. (rector),
Glebe house

COMMERCIAL

Bissendon Charles James, shoe maker
Coles Robert, grazier & parish clerk
Gilby Henry, grazier
Preston Sydney W. King's Arms P.H.
Rooke John & Son, farmers & graziers,
Weldon grange (letters through Corby,
Kettering)
Sheffield Henry, farmer
Singlehurst John Robert & George,
farmers, Bangraves lodge
Singlehurst John, farmer, Manor House
& Glebe farms
Smith Ashton, blacksmith
Weldon Quarries (John Rooke, mngr.),
Estate office, Weldon grange (letters
through Corby, Kettering)

LITTLE WELDON

PRIVATE RESIDENTS

Gattrell Rev. Thomas (Congregational),
The Manse
Hales Mrs
Jinks Benjamin
Stokes Arthur Samuel

COMMERCIAL

Audus Francis, watch & clock maker
Beeby & Sharpe, bakers

Binder & Son, bakers
Binder Herbert Thomas, George P.H.
Branson William Charles, farmer
Ewart Thomas, grocer & draper
Gilby Clara Jane (Mrs.), shopkeeper
Gilby Richard, builder
Green Henry & Son, tailors
Green Otter, tailor & boot & shoe dealer
& assistant overseer for Great Weldon
Hales Charles, painter
Hart Rowley, farmer, Weldon lodge
Hopkins Thomas, Woolpack inn
Hunt John.jun. farmer, Yentwood
Hunt Joshua, farmer
Jinks Elizh. (Mrs.), Nags Head P.H.
Jones George Frederick, farmer
March Henry, assistant overseer & clerk
to Parish Council
March John T. carrier
March William, cycle agent
Mehew Thomas Vaughan, saddler &
harness maker
Payne Frederick, butcher
Pratt John T. Wheelwright
Prentice Mary, Shoulder of Mutton P.H. &
carrier
Sharpe Arthur, baker, see Beeby &
Sharpe
Spendlove Brothers, wheelwrights
Spendlove William Howland, grocer
Stokes Arthur Samuel M.R.C.S.Eng.,
I.R.C.P.Edin. physician & surgeon,
medical officer & public vaccinator,
Weldon district, Kettering union,
E.district, Thrapston union & Deene
district, Oundle union & certifying factory
surgeon
Taylor William G., grocer & beer retailer

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