

Extract from Kelly's Directory for Gloucestershire 1879

COALEY, or **COWLEY**, is a parish and picturesque village, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles north-east from Dursley, 12 south from Gloucester, $7\frac{1}{2}$ south-west from Stroud, 2 south-east from Coaley junction, 2 south-west from Frocester station on the Bristol and Birmingham railway, and 108 from London, in the Western division of the county, Berkeley hundred, Dursley union and county court district, Dursley rural deanery, Gloucester archdeaconry, and Gloucester and Bristol diocese. The Gloucester and Birmingham branch of the Midland railway passes through the parish. The church of St. Bartholomew is a new stone building (with the exception of the tower) in the Early English style; it has chancel, nave, north aisle, porch, and tower with 6 bells. The register dates from the year 1581. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £300, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of the diocese and held by the Rev. Philip Esme Stewart Holland, M.A. of Worcester College, Oxford. The Wesleyans

have a chapel here. There is an endowment of £31 18s. yearly for the repair of the church, and the relief of the sick and poor of the parish. Here is an extensive edge-tool manufactory, which gives employment to many hands. Lord Fitzhardinge, who is lord of the manor, and Edward Leonard, esq. are the chief landowners. The soil is gravelly and clayey; subsoil, gravel. The chief crops are wheat, barley, and some land in pasture. The area is 2,463 acres; rateable value, £6,045; the population in 1877 was 780.

Parish Clerk, Silvanus Watkins.

POST OFFICE.—Mrs. Catherine Buckley, postmistress. Letters arrive from Dursley at 9.30 a.m.; dispatched at 4.20 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Dursley
National School, James French, master; Mrs. French, mistress

Clarke George Henry, Oatridge house
Dauncey Timothy
Holland Rev. Philip Esme Stewart,
M.A. Vicarage

COMMERCIAL.

Adey Edwin, wheelwright & smith
Allen John, farmer
Camm Thomas, farmer, Knapp farm
Chamberlain Llewellyn, china & glass
dealer
Clarke John, farmer, Ham farm
Curtis Richard, wheelwright

Godwin John Howell, farmer, Manley
farm
Hadley Harriett (Mrs.), farmer, Silver st
Hawkins John, farmer, Hill House frm
Hawkins Eliza Ann (Mrs.), farmer,
Corner farm
Hawkins Thomas, farmer, Elmcote frm
Hill Henry, farmer, Pinnels End farm
Hill Loies (Mrs.), farmer, Coaley st
Hill Richard farmer, Coaley street
Hind Henry, farmer, Lapley farm
Hooper Charles, farmer, Lapley house
Joiner Ann (Mrs.), farmer

Parker Maria (Mrs.), farmer, Elm frm
Pegler Ann (Mrs.), butcher
Prout George, farmer, Field farm
Prout Robert, farmer, Silver street
Russell Henry, beer retailer
Savage Thos. farmer, Silver Street farm
Smith Edmund, blacksmith
Smith Ellen (Mrs.), Fox
Smith Henry, shopkeeper
Smith Jesse, Swan
Smith Solomon, farmer, Elmcote
Thomas Leonard & Co. edge tool manfrs
Wilkins William, cattle dealer