

# Extract from Kelly's Directory for Gloucestershire 1897 page 124

**COALEY**, or Cowley, is a parish and picturesque village, 2 miles south-east from Coaley junction and 2 south-west from Frocester station on the Birmingham and Bristol section of the Midland railway, 2½ north-east from Dursley, 12 south from Gloucester, 7½ south-west from Stroud and 108 from London, in the mid division of the county, Berkeley hundred, Dursley union, petty sessional division and county court district, and in the rural deanery of Dursley and archdeaconry and diocese of Gloucester. The Birmingham and Bristol branch of the Midland railway passes through the parish. The church of St. Bartholomew is an edifice of stone, rebuilt (with the exception of the tower) in 1857, at a cost of £2,000, under the direction of Messrs. Jacques and Son, architects, in the Early English style; it consists of chancel, nave of five bays, north aisle, north porch and an embattled western tower, with pinnacles, containing a clock and 6 bells: there are 300 sittings. The register dates from the year 1581. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £180, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Gloucester, and held since 1883 by the Rev. William Jones Evans. Here is a Wesleyan chapel. There is an endowment of £38 12s. yearly for the repair of the church and the relief of the second poor of the parish. This charity, under the provisions of the

"Local Government Act, 1894," has been apportioned by the Charity Commissioners as follows:—half for the repair of the church and half for the relief of the poor not in receipt of parish pay. Here is an extensive edge-tool manufactory, which gives employment to many hands. Lord Fitzhardinge, who is lord of the manor, and Thomas Morse esq. J.P. 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, £5,096; the population in 1891 was 654.

Dead Hill was transferred to Slimbridge under the "Divided Parishes Act, 1882."

Parish Clerk, Charles Cooper.  
Post Office.—Thomas Webb, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Dursley at 8.15 a.m. & 4 p.m.; dispatched at 8.25 a.m. & 4.30 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Cam. The railway station is the nearest telegraph office for collection & Cam for delivery of telegrams

Wall Letter Boxes, The Mills, cleared at 4.45 p.m. week days only; Far Green, 8.45 a.m. & 5 p.m.

National School (mixed), built in 1864, for 130 children; average attendance, 101; Hy. Richard Caddy, master; there is a house for the master

Bozworth Henry, Cypress house  
Clarke Geo. Henry, Oatridge house  
Evans Rev. William Jones, Vicarage  
Phillips William, Mill house  
Savage Thomas, Silver Street farm  
COMMERCIAL.  
Adey Edwin, Heart of Oak inn, wheelwright & smith  
Bailey George, farmer, Westfield farm

Camm Hesther (Mrs.), frmr. Elms  
Camm Thomas, farmer, Knapp farm  
Chamberlain Llewellyn, shopkeeper  
Curtis & Son, wheelwrights & builders  
Edwards N. (Miss), poultry farm  
Hadley Ernest & Bernard, farmers  
Hawkins John, farmer, Hill House farm (letters via Cambridge, Stonehouse)

Hadley Charles, farmer, Silver street  
Hill George, farmer, Betworthy farm  
Hill Richard William, farmer, Pine's End farm  
Hobbs William, farmer, Manley farm  
Joyner Henry, farmer, Leigh farm  
Parker Geo. Grantley, frmr. Lapley farm  
Pegler Mrs.), butcher  
Proust Mrs.), farmer, Silver st

Prout Chas. Wm. farmer, Elmcote  
Prout Robert, farmer, Corner farm  
Prout Wm. A. farmer, Silver St. farm  
Smith Charles, farmer, Pidgeon Ho. farm  
Smith George, Fox & Hounds P.H.

Smith Jas. Lusty, farmer, Field farm  
Smith Jesse, farmer & cattle dealer, Church farm  
Smith John, blacksmith

Smith Robert, Swan P.H. & farmer  
Thomas Leonard & Co. edge tool mfrs  
Webb Thomas, grocer, Post office  
Wilkins William, cattle dealer