

Extract from Kelly's Directory for Gloucestershire 1910 page 129-30

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: the stained east window is a memorial to the Rev. W. J. Evans, vicar - here 1883-1907: there are 300 sittings. The register dates

from the year 1581. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £200, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Gloucester, and held since 1907 by the Rev. Phillip Upstone M.A. of Oxford University. Here is a Wesleyan chapel. "THE MOORS" is held by the Dursley Rural District Council as an Isolation Hospital for Infectious Diseases, at an annual rent of £25, and has accommodation for six patients. 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. Lord Fitzhardinge is lord of the manor and the chief landowner. The soil is gravelly and clayey; subsoil, gravel. The chief crops are wheat, barley and some land in pasture. The area is 2,498

acres; rateable value, £5,253; the population in 1901 was 618.

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.; no delivery on sunday. The nearest money order office is at Cam. The railway station is the nearest telegraph office for collection & Cam for delivery of telegrams, 2 miles distant

Wall Letter Boxes.—The Mills, cleared at 9.30 a.m. & 5.5 p.m. week days only; Far Green, 8.45 a.m. & 5 p.m.; Coaley iron works, 8.40 a.m. & 5.5 p.m.

Public Elementary School (mixed), built in 1864, & enlarged in 1901, for 140 children; average attendance, 120; Henry Richard Caddy, master

Phillips William, Mill house
 Smart Mrs. Green street
 Upstone Rev. Phillip M.A. (vicar),
 Vicarage
 Walsh George, Oatridge house

COMMERCIAL.

Camm Gerald, farmer, Knapp farm
 Curtis Harry, Swan P.H
 Curtis Richard, wheelwright
 Dursley Rural District Isolation Hospital (Arthur Jas. Campbell M.D., B.Ch.Dub. medical officer; Mrs. Hobbs, nurse), The Moors
 Edwards Ellen (Miss), poultry farm
 Hadley Charles, farmer, Silver Street

Hadley Ernest, farmer
 Higgins Jenner, shopkeeper
 Higgins Nathaniel, farmer, Tickshill
 Hill Geo. Rd. farmer, Betworthy farm
 Hill Oswald Samuel, farmer, Pidgeon House farm
 Hill Richard William, farmer, Pinnacles End farm
 Hobbs William, farmer, Manley farm, Silver street
 Jellyman Albert, Heart of Oak inn
 Major William, wheelwright
 Parker Charles, farmer, Lapley farm
 Parker Geo. Grantley, farmer, Leigh farm
 Pegler Chas. beer retailer, Bristol rd
 Pegler Samuel, butcher

Pegler William, farmer
 Pitcher George, farmer
 Prout F. & Sons, frmrs. Corner from
 Prout Frederiek, farmer, Elmcoote
 Prout Gilbert, farmer
 Prout Herbert William, farmer
 Prout Wm. A. farmer, Silver St. frm
 Smith Jas. Lusty, farmer, Field farm
 Smith John, blacksmith
 Stanley Thomas, Fox & Hounds P.H
 Thomas Leonard & Co. edge tool mfrs
 Townsend Charles, cycle agent
 Webb Thomas, grocer, Post office
 Workman George, butter merchant & assistant overseer
 Workman Rowland, farmer, Far green