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COALEY, or Cowley, is a parish and picturesque village, 21 miles north-east from Dursley, 12 south from Gloucester, 75 south-west from Stroud, 2 south-east from Coaley junction and 2 south-west from Frocester station on the Birmingham and Bristol section of the Midland railway, and 108 from London, in the Mid division of the county, Berkeley hundred, Dursley union, petty sessional division and county court district, rural deanery of Dursley, archdeaconry of Gloucester and diocese of Gloucester and Bristol. 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, tithe rent-charge £300, net yearly value £280, with residence, in the gift of the bishop of the diocese, and held since 1883

Clarke George Henry, Oatridge house Dauncey Timothy, Mooracre Evans Rev. William Jones, Vicarage COMMERCIAL.

Adey Edwin, Heart of Oak inn, wheelwright & smith

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Bailey George, farmer, Lapley house
Bozworth Henry, farmer, Waters end
Camm Esther (Mrs.), farmer, Elms
Camm Thomas, farmer, Knapp farm
Chamberlain Llewellyn, shopkeeper
Clarke John, farmer, Ham farm
Coaley Liberal Association (A. B. Winterbotham M.P.presidnt.; E.Adey,see)

Croome Ellen (Mrs.), shopkeeper Curtis Richard, wheelwright & builder Fowler Thomas, farmer, Elmcote farm GodwinFanny(Mrs.), farmr. Manley frm Hadley Charles, farmer, Silver street Hawkins John, farmer, Hill House farm Hill Henry, farmer, Green street Hill Loies (Mrs.), farmer, Coaley street Hill Richard, farmer, Pinniels End farm Joiner Henry, farmer
Parker Geo. Grantley, frmr. Lapley farm Pegler Ann (Mrs.), butcher Prout Robert, farmer, Silver street
Prout Robt, jun. farmer, Corner farm

by the Rev. William Jones Evans. Here is a Wesleyan chapel. There is an endowment of £31 18s. yearly for the repair of the church and the relief of the second poor of the parish. Here is an extensive edge-tool manufactory, which gives employment to many hands. Lord Fitzhardinge F.S.A. 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, £6,151; the population in 1881 was 735.

~ Parish Clerk, Charles Cooper.

Post Office.—Mrs. Catherine Buckley, postmistress. Letters arrive from Dursley at 8.15 a.m.; dispatched at 4.25 p.m. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Cam

WALL LETTER Box cleared at 4.45 p.m. week days only National School (mixed), built in 1864, for 130 children; average attendance, 33; Henry Richard Caddy, master; there is a house for the master

> Prout William, farmer, Elmcote Savage Thos.farmer, Silver Street farm Smith George, Fox & Hounds P.H Smith James Lusty, farmer, Field farm Smith Jesse, farmer & cattle dealer,

> Church farm
> Smith Jesse, Swan P.H
> Smith John, blacksmith
> Smith Robert, farmer
> Smith Solomon, farmer, Garter court
> Thomas Leonard & Co. edge tool mnfrs
> Webb Thos. grocer & provision dealer
> Wilkins William, cattle dealer