

**Extract from Post Office Directory for Dorset, 1875** – see [www.historicaldirectories.org](http://www.historicaldirectories.org).

**PRESTON** is a pretty village and parish, with the liberty of SUTTON POYNTZ, 3 ½ miles north-east from Weymouth, in Culliford Tree hundred, petty sessional division of Dorchester, Weymouth union and county court district, diocese of Salisbury, archdeaconry of Dorset, and rural deanery of Dorchester, situate on the coast of Weymouth Bay. The church of St. Andrew is an ancient fabric, in the Perpendicular style, consisting of a chancel, nave, south aisle, and square tower containing 4 bells; there is an antique font; the church has been restored and a handsome stained window erected. The register dates from 1693. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £250, in the patronage of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held by the Rev. Talbot Hastings Bendall Baker, M.A., of Christ Church, Oxford. There is a National school, supported by subscription. The Wesleyans have a chapel here. In a meadow by the stream below the church are the remains of a Roman villa, consisting of the foundations of the walls of two small rooms, and of a well preserved tessellated pavement, which occupied originally an area 18 feet square; the materials used are small cubes of hard chalk, burnt earth or brick, and umber; the pattern consists of a central ornament, slightly resembling a Tudor Rose, in a square, on each side of which run two guilloches or cables, with a rectilinear figure between them; on the south side there is, besides, a row of heart-shaped figures: it was discovered by Mr. Medhurst, in 1842, and permanently uncovered for the inspection, and at the congress at Weymouth, of the British Archaeological Association, in 1871. E. Weld, esq., of Lulworth Castle, is lord of the manor and chief landowner. The soil is heavy, subsoil various. The chief crops are grass, wheat and barley. The area is 2,679 acres, of which 70 are water; gross estimated rental, £4,976 8s.; rateable value, £2,816 15s.; the population in 1871 was 747.

SUTTON POYNTZ was a liberty or free manor of the Poyntzes, an ancient family in the western parts; Weymouth is supplied with water from a spring rising in this hamlet.

*Parish Clerk, James Thorne.*

POST OFFICE. – John Fooks, receiver. Letters arrive from Weymouth at 7.30 a.m. & dispatched at 7.25 p.m.; Sundays, 10.25 a.m. The nearest money order office is at Weymouth

*National School,* Miss Jane Watts, mistress

Baker Rev. Talbot H. B. M.A.	Vicarage
Gill Mrs.	Ivy cottage
Hall James,	Coast Guard station
Marshall Edgar C.	Chalbury lodge
Scriven Samuel,	Southdown cottage
Scutt Robert,	Sutton Poyntz
Wilshire James	
Willshire James, sen	

#### COMMERCIAL

Bellin William,	shopkeeper
Brett Charles,	butcher, Sutton Poyntz
Brown Edward,	harness maker
Brown Stephen,	painter & glazier
Burt George,	beer retailer
Croad John,	boot maker

Daw Henry,	market gardener
Fooks John,	market gardener
Fooks Thos.,	blacksmith, Sutton Poyntz
Gale William,	farmer
Galpin James,	carrier, Sutton Poyntz
Guppy John,	dairyman
Holleoak John Bird,	baker & grocer
Keynes Henry,	baker & grocer
Keynes Joseph,	collector of poor rates, Sutton Poyntz
Luckham Levi,	miller, Sutton Poyntz
Mabey Emanuel,	carpenter
Miller Edmund Puckett,	shopkeeper, Sutton Poyntz
Miller Elizb. (Mrs.)	<i>Ship inn</i> , & farmer
Miller Tom,	dairyman, Sutton Poyntz
Oliver Stephen,	farmer
Pond Robert,	carrier
Pooss Henry,	farmer
Pope Henry,	farmer, North Down farm, Sutton Poyntz
Pope Thomas,	farmer, Sutton Poyntz
Puckett Jas.	beer rtr. Sutton Poyntz
Randal Richard,	shopkeeper
Scutt Charles,	farmer, Jordan farm
Sergeant William,	poulterer
Spencer Jem Harvey,	beer retailer
Walden William,	dairyman, South Down
Wellman Joseph,	market gardener
Whittle Daniel,	miller