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PRESTON is a pretty village and parish, with the liberty of SUTTON POYNTZ, situate on the coast of Weymouth Bay, and on the road from Melcombe Regis to Wareham, 2 ½ miles west from Broadway, the nearest railway station, 2 ½ miles north-east from Weymouth, in the Southern division of the county, Culliford Tree hundred, petty sessional division of Dorchester, Weymouth union and county court district, rural deanery of Dorchester Weymouth portion, archdeaconry of Dorset and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St. Andrew is an ancient fabric of stone, in the Perpendicular style, consisting of chancel, nave, south aisle, north porch and square embattled western tower, containing 4 bells; there is an antique font; the church has been restored and two handsome stained windows erected; there are 300 sittings. The register dates from the year 1693. The living is a vicarage, gross yearly value £300, net £230, including 3 acres of glebe, with house, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1877 by the Rev. Arthur Hill B.D. of Corpus Christi college, Cambridge. 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; and 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, at the congress at Weymouth, of the British Archaeological Association, in 1871. George Gallop esq. of Strode House, Netherbury, is lord of the manor and sole landowner. The soil is heavy clay; subsoil, various. The chief crops are grass, wheat and barley. The area is 2,609 acres of land and 70 of water; rateable value, £4,920; the population in 1881 was 689.

SUTTON POYNTZ, half a mile north, 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. Reginald Joseph Weld esq. is lord of the manor and chief landowner of Sutton Poyntz.

Parish Clerk, Robert Miller.

POST OFFICE. – John Fooks, receiver. Letters arrive from Weymouth at 7.30 a.m. & 12.30 p.m.; & dispatched at 3.30 & 6.30 p.m.; Sundays, 10.25 a.m. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Weymouth

National School (mixed), built in 1850, for 150 children; average attendance, 112; William Thomas Page, master; Mrs. Alice Page, mistress; Miss Flora Thorne, infants' mistress

Coastguard, William Richard Mitchell, chief officer

Davis Col. John,	Southdown cottage
Hill Rev. Arthur B.D. (vicar),	Vicarage
Holleoak John Bird,	Laurestine cottage
Mitchell Wm Richd.	Coastguard station
Mullett Theophilus,	Alma cottage
Page William Thomas	
Scutt Mrs.	Chalbury lodge
Willshire James Davis	

COMMERCIAL

Bailey Chas.	provisn. dealer, Sutton Poyntz
Brown Edward,	harness maker
Burt George,	beer retailer
Cleall Jn. Alford	dairyman, Wyke Oliver
Corben Jane (Mrs.),	beer retailer
Daw Albert,	market gardener
Fooks John,	market gardener, Post office
Fooks Thos.,	blacksmith, Sutton Poyntz
Galpin James,	carrier, Sutton Poyntz
Guppy George,	baker, Sutton Poyntz
Guppy John,	dairyman & collector of poor rates
Guppy Joseph,	butcher & grocer
Harrison William,	wheelwright, Sutton Poyntz
Hoddinott James,	dairyman
Keynes William,	farmer, North Down farm, Sutton Poyntz
Meech Barnard Hy.	millar (water) & corn factor; the trade supplied in large & small quantities; markets attended, Weymouth, tues. & fri.; Dorchester, sat.; Sutton Poyntz
Miller Edmund Puckett,	shopkeeper, Sutton Poyntz
Miller Elizb. (Mrs.),	Ship inn, & farmer
Mitchell William Richard,	chief officer, Coast Guard station
Oliver Frederick,	farmer
Pooss Henry,	farmer
Pope Henry,	farmer, Sutton Poyntz
Puckett Jn. Jas.	beer ret. Sutton Poyntz
Randall Richard,	shopkeeper
Scutt Charles,	farmer, Jordan farm