

Extract from Post Office Directory for Dorset, 1859 – see 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, Weymouth union and county court division, Dorchester division, diocese of Salisbury, archdeaconry of Dorset, and deanery of Dorchester. The living is a vicarage, value £250 per annum, in the patronage of the bishop of Salisbury; the Rev. Talbot H. B. Baker, M.A., is the present incumbent. Sutton Poyntz was a liberty of free manor of the Poyntzes, an ancient family in the western parts; Weymouth is supplied with water from a spring rising in this hamlet. The church of St Andrew is an ancient fabric, of the Perpendicular style of Gothic architecture, consisting of a nave, south aisle, chancel, square tower, containing 4 bells; it also contains an antique font; in the porch is a curious Norman arch. The church has recently been restored and a handsome painted window added. The Wesleyans have a chapel here. There is a National school, supported by subscription. There are some genteel residences in the neighbourhood. The population, in 1851, was 711; area, in acres, about 3000, principally the property of J. Weld, Esq., of Lulworth Castle, who is also lord of the manor. The coast is on Weymouth Bay.

WYKE OLIVER is the residence of Charles Gill, Esq.; Charborough, or Chalbury Lodge, of Mrs Kettle. South Down is a farm.

PRIVATE RESIDENCES

Baker Rev. Talbot H. B. M.A.	Vicarage
Gill Charles, esq.	Wyke Oliver
Hooper Mr. John	
Howship Mrs.	Preston cottage
Kettle Mrs.	Charboro' lodge
Parmiter Mr. Thomas	
Plowman Mrs.	Moss cottage
Saunders John, esq	
Scutt Mr. Robert,	Sutton Poyntz
Shorto Mr. Charles, jun	
Wallis Mrs	
Wilshire Mr. James	
Willshire Mr. Thomas	

COMMERCIAL

Brett Charles,	butcher, Sutton Poyntz
Brown Robert,	painter & glazier
Burt Jane (Mrs.),	shopkeeper
Couzens Charles,	artist
Croad John,	bootmaker
Croft William,	baker & shopkeeper, Sutton Poyntz
Daw Henry,	bootmaker
Fancy Eliza (Mrs.),	shopkeeper
Fooks John,	blacksmith
Fooks Thos.,	blacksmith, Sutton Poyntz
Foot John,	dairyman, Sutton Poyntz
Galpin Stephen,	parish clerk & thatcher, Sutton Poyntz
Harvey Edward,	shoemaker
Harvey James,	beer retailer

Keynes Henry,	baker, grocer & beer retrl
King Isaac,	stonemason
Lowman William,	carpenter
Miller Edmund Puckett,	shopkeeper, Sutton Poyntz
Miller Joseph,	baker & carpenter, Sutton Poyntz
Miller Charles,	dairyman, Sutton Poyntz
Miller Thomas,	carpenter
Pooss Thomas,	farmer
Pope John Allen,	farmer, Sutton Poyntz
Puckett James,	beer retailer, Sutton Poyntz
Randal Richard,	shopkeeper
Scutt John,	farmer, South Down farm
Sergeant Thos.	Poulterer & stonemason
Shorto J. & Son,	millers, Sutton Poyntz
Spicer William,	miller, Sutton mill
Squibb Robert,	carpenter, Sutton Poyntz
Thomas John,	butcher
Walden William,	dairyman, South Down
Wallis Josiah,	farmer, Church farm
Watts Matthew,	tailor
Watts Misses,	ladies' boarding school
Whittle Charles,	<i>Ship inn</i>

Letters by foot post through Weymouth, which is also the nearest money order office

<i>National School,</i>	Miss Elizabeth Hedges, mistress
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