

## Kelly's PO Directory 1857

### Transcript of the entry

#### HIGH MELTON

High Melton is a township, small village and parish, 4 1/2 miles west south west from Doncaster (its post town), 2 1/2 from Mexborough (its nearest railway station), in the lower division of the wapentake of Strafforth and Tickhill, Doncaster deanery and union, York archdeaconry, York archbishopric. It is delightfully situated on a hill. The cliff here commands a most extensive prospect of many interesting and beautiful objects, as Conisbrough Castle, the monuments near Wentworth House, several gentlemen's seats, and a number of churches and pleasant villages, with the towns of Rotherham and Sheffield. The church is an ancient fabric, in different styles of architecture, partly Gothic and partly Saxon; it contains several monuments of the Fountayne and Wilson family, and some beautiful stained glass windows; it has also a chancel, nave, south aisle, tower, clock, and 3 bells. The living is a perpetual curacy, worth about £140 yearly, without glebe, in the gift of Andrew Fountayne Wilson Montagu, Esq.; the Rev. Leonard Jasper Hobson is the incumbent; and the Rev. Thomas Varah Hobson is the curate. There is no other place of worship in the village, and being one of the smallest parishes, if not the smallest in the deanery, has no school, National or otherwise. The poor children are usually sent to the National school at Barnbrough, which is 1 mile from this village, to which A. F. W. Montagu, Esq., is a liberal benefactor. The population, in 1851, was 105; and the acreage is 1,464. A. F. W. Montagu, Esq., is lord of the manor and the proprietor of the parish. The church register commenced October 27<sup>th</sup>, 1538. The Hall, the seat of A. F. W. Montagu, Esq is an exceedingly pleasant residence, and commands an extensive prospect. It is situated in a well-wooded park, near the church. It is well stocked with deer, and the interior of the Hall contains several very valuable paintings of the Fountayne, Wilson, and the Montagu families.

Montagu Andrew Fountayne Wilson.esq. Hall

#### COMMERCIAL.

Blackburn Thomas, farmer

Crosby George, bailiff to A. F. W. Montagu, esq

Evers Thomas, gamekeeper

Fawcett Thomas, farmer

Gill William, blacksmith

Gray George, farmer & miller

Hampshire Daniel, farmer

Presley John, wheelwright

Presley Thomas, shopkeeper

Rodgers James, parish clerk

Workman Robert, farmer, Melton brand

Letters are received through Doncaster, which is the nearest money order office