Kelly's Directory 1848

EAST KNOYLE contains 5,558 acres of arable and pasture land; it is in the hundred of Downton, the Mere Union, Hindon division, and diocese of Sarum.

Henry Seymour Esq, residing within the parish, is the largest proprietor of lands and a considerable portion of the remainder is freehold or copyhold of inheritance.

The population in 1841 was 1,038.

The tythings of Milton and Upton and the hamlet of Holloway are in East Knoyle.

The village is 18 miles south west of Salisbury, 2 south of Hindon, 5 east by south of Mere, 5 north of Shaftesbury and is considered to be one of the most pleasant and healthy in the southern part of Wiltshire.

East Knoyle claims the honour of being the birthplace of the celebrated architect Sir Christopher Wren; he was born on 20th October 1632 and there is a house pointed out as that in which the event took place; his father was the rector of the parish having been instituted therein in 1623.

The parish register is deserving of particular attention as it dates from the year 1538.

The living is a valuable rectory of yearly worth of \$900 in the gift of the Bishop of Winchester; the incumbent is the Rev. Charles Wrottesley B.A.

The church, dedicated to St. Mary, is pleasantly situated on a rising ground, the nave has been newly built; the edifice of stone, and in the shape of a cross; the tower, containing 6 bells, is 66 feet high, stands at the west end of the church, and is turreted and embattled.

Here is a National school for boys and girls, erected in 1838.

The Bishop of Winchester is lord of the manor.

Wiltshire Friendly Society (branch of) held at the National School Room. Nights for meeting, first Monday after each quarter day; William Wright, Steward

There is a lending library for the parish at the National School Room

Carriers to Shaftesbury

Edward Crickmay & Co. from Hindon calling at the Seymour Arms Saturday returning same day

Thomas Snook to Salisbury, Saturday & Tuesday, returning same days

Dyer from Longbridge Deverill calling at the Seymour Arms Saturday returning same day

Post Office - James Snooke, receiver

Letters arrive from Hindon at half past 8am, dispatched at half past 5pm

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation	
Seymour, Esq	Henry		
Wrottesley, Rev	Charles	Rector	
Ball	Thomas	Seymour Arms	
Butt	John	Farmer	
Compton	Thirza	Black Horse	
Compton	Thomas	Farmer	
Cuff	Alfred	Butcher	
Elliott	Charles	Farmer	
Getley	James Moore	Beer Retailer	
Gray, Mrs	Mary Ann	Farmer	
Harrison	William	Farmer	
Haslam	William	Grocer	
Hinton	John	Farmer	
Jukes	Sarah	Beer Retailer	
King	James	Farmer	
Maidment	John	Farmer	
Perman	Joel	Blacksmith	
Perry, Mrs	Mary	Farmer	
Perry	Thomas	Farmer	
Perry	William	Miller	
Raishley	John	Farmer	
Raishley	William	Farmer	
Ricketts	James	Farmer	
Ricketts	Thomas	Baker	
Sanger	Edward	Farmer	
Sanger	Seth	Farmer	

Scammell	Charles	Farmer
Scammell	James	Farmer
Snook	George	Baker
Snook	Henry	Farmer
Snook	John	Farmer
Snooke	James	Post Office
Stevens	Thomas	Farmer
Trowbridge	William	Dairyman
Weeks	Edwin	Grocer
Wigmore	James	Farmer
Wigmore	John	Farmer
Wigmore	Thomas	Farmer
Wigmore	William	Farmer
Wright	William	Master of National School & Parish Clerk
Brockway, Miss	Patience	Mistress of National School