

the Shropshire portion is in the Western division of the county, Ford division and hundred, Atcham union, Shrewsbury county court district and petty sessional division; the Montgomeryshire portion is in the Forden union, and the parish is in the rural deanery of Pontesbury, archdeaconry of Ludlow and diocese of Hereford. The chapel of St. John, rebuilt in 1788, is a plain edifice of stone, consisting of nave and a western wooden turret containing one bell: the interior has been modernised and restored in 1885, at a cost of £600, raised by subscriptions; a brass tablet to the celebrated "Old Parr," bears the following inscription:—

"The old, old, very old man  
Thomas Parr,

was born at the Glyn, in the township of Winnington, within the chapelry of Great Wollaston and parish of Alberbury, in the county of Salop, in the year of Our Lord, 1483. He lived in the reigns of ten kings and queens of England, viz:—King Edward IV. King Edward V. King Richard III. King Henry VII. King Henry VIII. King Edward VI. Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth, King James I. and King Charles I.; he died the 13th and was buried in Westminster Abbey on the 15th November, 1635, aged 152 years and 2 months:" the chapel was restored in 1885, at a cost of £590, and affords 145 sittings. The register of baptisms dates from 1829 and marriages and burials from 1864; previously entries were made in the registers of Alberbury parish. The living is a vicarage, gross yearly value £129, net £123, including 49 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the vicar of Alberbury, and held since 1890 by the Rev. Henry Edward Taylor. William Arthur Sparrow esq. of Albrighton Hall, who is lord of the manor, Major Edward Corbett, Gateway House, Shrewsbury, Clive Phillipps-Wolley esq. John Edmund Severne esq. D.L., J.P. of Wallop Hall, W. Cureton esq. T. T. Whitehurst esq. of Shrewsbury, the trustees of the late Robert Gardner esq. W. Bancroft esq. and Miss Johnson are the principal landowners of the Shropshire portion of the parish. The soil is light loam; subsoil, clay and sand. The chief

crops are wheat, turnips, barley and clover. The area of the parish is 5,500 acres, of which 1,736 are in Montgomeryshire; rateable value, £3,463, exclusive of the township of Uppington, in Montgomeryshire; the population of the parish in 1891 was 544, of which 188 are in Montgomeryshire; the population of the township was 356.

Bulthey township, 1½ miles north-west, contains 705a. or. 7p. The trustees of R. Gardner esq. are lords of the manor. The Bank and Plas-y-court are places here.

Trefnant township, 3 miles south-west, contains 527a. 3r. 20p. Winnington township, 2 miles south-west, contains 1,604a. 3r. 19p.

Letters arrive for Salop portion of parish by messenger from the Half-way House, through Shrewsbury, at 8 a.m. Wall Letter Box cleared at 6.30 p.m. Half-way House (Westbury) is the nearest money order office; telegraph office at Westbury station

Middletown township is 2 miles west, with a station on the Shrewsbury and Welshpool joint line of the London and North Western and Great Western railway. All Saints church, built in 1870, is an edifice of stone in the Gothic style, consisting of chancel, nave, south porch and a western turret containing one bell: there are sittings for 200 people. Here is a Wesleyan chapel, built in 1886. Major Edward Corbett, who is lord of the manor, Mrs. Maginnis and C. Hillhouse esq. are the principal landowners. The area of the township is 736a. 3r. 11p.; rateable value, £892.

Uppington township is 2 miles south. The area is 1,002a. or. 14p.; rateable value, £1,090.

Sexton, Richard Evans.

Post Office (Middletown).—William Williams, receiver. Letters arrive from Welshpool at 8.40 a.m.; dispatched at 4.30 p.m. Half-way House (Westbury), is the nearest money order office; telegraph office at Westbury railway station

National School, Middletown (mixed), built, with master's residence, in 1874, at a cost of about £470, for 110 children; average attendance, 58; James Baker, master; Mrs. Mary C. Baker, sewing mistress

Railway Station, Middletown, John Smith, station master

**GREAT WOLLASTON.**  
(Marked \* postal address Welshpool.)  
Bickmore Rev. Claude Egerton B.A. (curate)  
Peele Leonard, The Lodge  
Taylor Rev. Henry Edward (vicar)  
Bickford Charles, wheelwright  
Drayton George, butcher  
Eddowes William, farmer, The Lane  
Edwards Richard, blacksmith  
Powell Charles William, farmer  
Wilde Hy. farmer, Gt. Wollaston farm

**BULTHEY.**  
\*Parry James, farmer, The Bulthey  
\*Parry Mary (Mrs.), farmer, Plas-y-court  
Price William, farmer  
Swain Mary (Mrs.), farmer, Bank frm

**MIDDLETOWN.**  
(Postal address, Welshpool.)  
Evans George, South bank  
Hall George, Mount view  
Whittingham Richard, Ivy house  
Beob Joshua, farmer, Belle Isle  
Bulthey Barytes & Lead Mining Co. (James Baker, sec)  
Davies John, blacksmith  
Evans Edward, farmer, Gate farm  
Hiles John B. farmer, New Inn farm  
Ingram David, farmer  
Jones John, farmer  
Mansell Ferdinand Blakemore, Four Crosses inn & grocer  
Parry Thomas, farmer  
Thomas Sarah (Mrs.), farmer  
Tomlins Mary (Mrs.), shopkeeper  
Twist Richard, tailor

**TREFNANT.**  
Furnevil Jn. miller (water), Dingle mill  
Griffiths John, farmer  
Kearne George, farmer  
Morgan Evan, farmer, Dingle Mill farm  
Morris Charles, farmer  
Richards David, farmer

**WINNINGTON.**  
Bowen Thomas, farmer, Glyn common  
Brown Richard, farmer  
Bunner Samuel, farmer, Hargrave  
Edwards Edward, farmer  
Edwards Jn. farmer, Winnington grn  
Newell John, farmer, The Lodge  
Parr Robert, farmer, Hall mill  
Parry Robert Henry, farmer, Glyn (postal address Welshpool)  
Smith M. (Mrs.), farmer  
Thomas Thos. farmer, Wood, Leasowes

**WOMBRIDGE** is a parish about half a mile from Oakengates station on the London and North Western and Great Western railways, 3 miles east from Wellington, 5 north-west from Shifnal and 13 east from Shrewsbury, in the Mid division of the county, Wellington division of South Bradford hundred, Wellington petty sessional division, union and county court district, rural deanery of Edgmond, archdeaconry of Salop and diocese of Lichfield. The church of SS. Mary and Leonard, rebuilt in 1869 on the site of a former church blown down in a storm in the year 1756, is a building of stone in mixed styles, consisting of nave, aisles, north transept and a western turret containing a clock and one bell: the stained east window is a memorial to St. John Chiverton Charlton esq. of Abley Castle J.P., D.L. d. 3 Feb. 1873, and there is another memorial window to James Oliver esq. d. 1867, and several mural tablets: the church was enlarged and 300 sittings added in 1823. The register dates from the year 1721. The living is a vicarage, gross yearly value £170, including 10½ acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of Col. Sir Thomas Meyrick bart. D.L., J.P. and held since 1870 by the Rev. William Morey Sabben B.A. of St. John's College, Cambridge. Here are extensive iron works, belonging to Messrs. Rollason and Slater Limited, a branch from the London and North Western railway runs directly into the works and affords the company the facility of for-

warding their merchandise to all parts of England. The minerals are ironstone and coal. Near the church, in the garden of the late Mr. John Edwards, are some slight remains of a priory of canons regular of St. Augustine, founded by William Fitz-Alan, of Clun, who dedicated it to God, St. Mary and St. Leonard: the Lords of Cherrington gave various lands and revenues to this religious house and all its possessions and the liberties of the canons were revived and confirmed by King Edward II.; the revenues of the monastery at the Dissolution were valued at £65 7s. 4d. The Duke of Sutherland and Col. Sir Thomas Meyrick bart. D.L., J.P. of Apley Castle, are the lords of the manor and chief landowners. The soil and subsoil vary from sand to stiff clay. The chief crops are wheat and barley. The area is 698 acres; rateable value, £10,078; the population in 1891 was 2,786 in the civil and 1,569 in the ecclesiastical parish.

Parish Clerk, Thomas Perrins.  
Letters through Wellington. Oakengates is the nearest post, money order & telegraph office  
A School Board of 5 members was formed 13 March, 1875; J. Leake, Shifnal, clerk to the board; R. L. Corbet, Oakengates, attendance officer  
The National Schools of the parish for boys & girls are in Oakengates, a large portion of which place is in this parish