

THE  
Merchants Miscellany,  
AND  
TRAVELLERS  
COMPLETE COMPENDIUM;  
CONTAINING A  
Mercantile State and Public View of the  
County of Bedford for 1785.

BEING A  
Short Description of Each Market Town, List of  
Tradesmen, the Conveyances &c.

By John Franklin Henington,  
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The Public are Respectfully informed, that  
the Compendium for Northamptonshire will  
be published on the 14th of May.

## BIGLESWADE, 11S.E. --- 45.

Is and agreeable and pleasant town, situated on the river Ivel, over which there is a good stone bridge; and lighters come up chiefly with those goods that Lynn mart supplies. The town is in a thriving state, being the thoroughfare to several parts of the north ; and contains commodious inns and some good private houses. It has also a good church, in the yard of which are deposited the remains of George Alexander Stevens. Here is also a meeting of Anabaptists.

### TRADESMEN &c.

Auctioneer, John French  
Brewer, Samuel Wells  
Coach-maker, Charles Beaumont  
Coal-merchant, Dennis Herbert  
Coal-merchant, Richard Foster  
Corn-merchant, William Linsdale  
Draper, Edward Bryant  
Draper, William Carrington  
Draper, George Gregory  
Grocer, John Carrington  
Grocer, John Weston  
Grocer, Robert Brooks  
Glazier, plumber, &c. Cartwright & Co  
Maltster, John Boston  
Maltster, John Barber  
Maltster, John Hyde  
Maltster, Richard Hyde  
Maltster, John Winn  
Maltster, Edward Rudd  
Mealman & maltster, Samuel King  
Mealman & miller, George Cooper  
Proprietor of waggon, William Wheeler  
Sadler, William Corbett  
Schoolmaster, Thomas Gardner  
Surgeon & apothecary, Lawrence Gall  
Surgeon & man midwife, Edward Gregory  
Woolstapler, Jeremiah Bryant  
Whip-maker, James Pope

Oak, Anne Nicholls  
Sun, William Knight  
Old Grown, William Griggs  
Swan, Robert Sanders  
Rose & Crown, William Race  
Chequers.

Agent to the Royal Exchange Assurance, John French.  
Sub-Distributor of Stamps, Richard Leach.

MARKET on Wednesdays,  
FAIRS Feb. 13 Saturday in Easter Week, Whit Monday,  
July 22, St Simon and Jude on Oct. 28.  
WAGGON to London on Fridays, to Cross Keys, St John Street.  
Post arrives about 1. Sets off at 5

*Notes: The spellings are as in the original document, this includes 'Bigleswade'  
'11 S.E.' refers to miles from Bedford and '45' to miles from London*

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