Data from the 1910 Land Valuation Survey for the parish of Defford



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Introduction

The Valuation Office Survey of 1910 resulted in the creation of a snapshot of land across the county of Worcestershire, in common with other counties in England. The associated Valuation Summary books are to be found at the Hive in Worcester: these books are of a large format, measuring 43cm by 34cm, cloth-bound with leather corners and the name of the Income Tax Parish (ITP) written on the spine. An ITP may cover just a single civil parish in the county, whilst some ITPs covered two or more parishes: for example, the ITP of Church Lench only contains records for the civil parish of Church Lench, whilst that of Abbots Lench covers the civil parishes of Fladbury, Hill & Moor, Throckmorton and Wyre Piddle, as well as Abbots Lench itself. In some cases, two or more ITPs can be found in the same Valuation Summary book: for example, Conderton and Overbury. The basic unit of valuation was a piece of land in separate occupation, although the application of this principle was not always straightforward. The number of valuation assessments in each ITP ranges across the county from 7 (Kenswick) to 7,171 (Kidderminster Borough).

This series of booklets provides a transcription of the Valuation Summary books for each civil parish in the county of Worcestershire, along with a brief analysis of the transcribed data.

1. The Valuation Office Survey of 1910

The valuation of land in 1910 was initiated by the Finance (1909-1910) Act (10 Edw. VII, c.8 section 26(1)) which provided for the levy and collection of a duty on the increment value of all land in the United Kingdom. The main object of the Act was to tax that part of the capital appreciation of real property which was attributable to the site itself, excluding any benefit arising from crops, buildings or improvements paid for by the owners. In this way, private owners were required to pay part of the increase in the site value of their land which had resulted from the expenditure of public money on communal developments such as roads or public services.

Increment value duty was based on the difference between the amount of two valuations. The first was the site value as at 30 April 1909, as determined by the Valuation Survey, which constituted the 'datum line' for these purposes: a second site valuation was to be taken on the occasion of any subsequent sale or grant of a lease, transfer of interest in a piece of land, or the subsequent death of a land owner, in order to determine any potential payment of increment value duty. This second assessment formed part of the on-going role of the Valuation Office, until this duty was repealed by the 1920 Finance Act (10 and 11 Geo. V, c.18). Although this legislation was only in place for around ten years, it has left behind a comprehensive record of land in every county enabling an understanding of the ownership, occupation, extent and value of land. The data collected during the survey for the county of Worcestershire, which has been retained, is contained in four different sets:

- The Valuation Summary books (sometimes referred to as the Lloyd George Domesday books): these are held at the Hive in Worcester (WAAS: BA8585/1 series);
- Forms 37 Land: these contain the provisional valuations, and are also held at the Hive in Worcester (WAAS: 8585/2-64 series);

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¹ See Brian Short, *Land and Society in Edwardian Britain* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997), pp 131-132.

- Two series of annotated Ordnance Survey maps: the Field Maps (used in the field during survey), some of which are now held at the Hive in Worcester; the Record Maps (originally kept in the Valuation Record office) now held at the National Archives at Kew (TNA: IR129 series);
- The Field Books which contain a complete record of each valuation: again, these are held at the National Archives at Kew (TNA: IR58 series).

With regard to the Valuation Summary books, the first nine columns were compiled from the Rate Book for the parish and all of the books contain this information. Subsequent columns (10-40) were supposed to be completed by the staff of the District Valuation Offices after the initial valuation was complete: however, this was not carried out in a consistent fashion, and indeed, anyone interested in the mechanics and outcome of an individual valuation would be better served by the details contained in the Field Books.

This series of booklets provides a transcription of the first nine columns in that these record the ownership, occupation, extent, and basic valuation of each assessment. After a brief introduction to the parish, an analysis of the data will be presented examining the names of the major landowners and the extent of their property in the parish, along with an analysis of the main farms in the parish. Indexes of owners, occupiers and places appear in subsequent appendices and a final appendix will direct the reader to the appropriate references for the associated Forms 37, Record Maps and Field Books for the parish covered by the booklet.

The Valuation Summary for the Income Tax Parish of Besford is contained in the summary book covering the civil parishes of Besford and Defford. This booklet covers the civil parish of Defford only.²

2. The parish of Defford in 1910

The parish is located 9 miles south-east from Worcester, 3 miles south of Pershore and 5 miles northeast of Upton-on-Severn on a geology described as Charmouth Mudstone Formation, extending to 1,682 acres. The resulting soils are a mixture of lime-rich and slightly-acid. loamy & clayey soils with impeded drainage, along with some freely-draining slightly-acid loamy soils.³

When the census was carried out in 1911, the population of Defford was 407 (194 males and 213 females): of the 105 properties recorded in the census, 99 were inhabited, and six were classed as a 'building not used as dwelling'. From an agricultural viewpoint in the same year, the total cultivated area of the parish was 1,409 acres, of which 253½ were arable, and 1,155½ acres (82% of the total) were grassland: this acreage included 133¾ acres of orchards, 78¾ acres of which were counted under permanent grassland. Of the 32 agricultural holdings in the parish, 27 were tenanted properties covering 1,255¼ acres (89% of the total). The main arable crops were wheat, currants & gooseberries, oats, peas and mangolds, whilst the orchards were growing a range of top fruit. With more pasture land than arable, 331 cattle and 985 sheep were kept.

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² WAAS: BA 8585/1/12, Inland Revenue. Valuation Summary book for the parish of Besford, Defford, 1909-10.

³ Kelly's Directory 1912, p. 71. British Geological Survey, *Geology Viewer app – Defford, Worcestershire* [accessed 12 January 2024]; British Geological Survey, *UK Soil Observatory (UKSO) app, Soilscapes for England and Wales – Defford, Worcestershire* [accessed 12 January 2024].

⁴ TNA: RG78/1084. 1911 Census Enumerator's Summary Books. Worcestershire. Pershore. Registration Sub-District: Eckington, including Civil Parish, Township or Place: Defford (part).

⁵ TNA: MAF68/2489, *Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and predecessors: Statistics Divisions: Parish Summaries of Agricultural Returns. Worcestershire, 1911.* Main acreages of arable as follows: Wheat, 61³/₄; Currants & Gooseberries 56³/₄; Oats 38¹/₄; Peas, 28¹/₄; Mangolds, 19¹/₂. Orchard acreages: Apples, 72; Plums, 56¹/₄; Pears, 2¹/₂; Cherries, 1; Other kinds, 2.

3. Land and property in 1910 in the parish of Defford

In preparing the data for analysis, the following standardisations have been made:

- The owner name *Midland Ry. Co.* has been standardised to *Midland Railway Company*;
- Three variations of owner names, *Earl Beauchamp, The Earl Beauchamp* and *Late (Lord) Beauchamp* are shown in Appendix 1. The listing in Appendix 2 shows *Beauchamp, Earl* for all variations;
- Three variations of owner names, *Earl Coventry*, *Earl of Coventry* and *Lord Coventry* are shown in Appendix 1. The listing in Appendix 2 shows *Coventry*, *Earl of* for all variations;
- The owner name *Chwdns Holy Cross* has been standardised to *Churchwardens, Holy Cross Pershore*;
- Two variations of owner names, *William Taylor* and *Wm. Taylor* are shown in Appendix 1. The listing in Appendix 2 shows *Taylor*, *William* for both variations;
- Two variations of situation, *Brinton's Orchard* and *Brnton's Orchard* are shown in Appendix 1: the listing in Appendix 4 shows *Brinton's Orchard* for both of these variations;
- Two variations of situation, *Upper Street* and *Upper St.* are shown in Appendix 1: the listing in Appendix 4 shows *Upper Street* for both of these variations;
- Two variations of situation, *Nr. Church* and *Near Church* are shown in Appendix 1: the listing in Appendix 4 shows *Church*, *Near* for both of these variations.

Of the 185 assessments with owners recorded in the Valuation Summary, 28 were owned by Earl Beauchamp and 22 by the Earl of Coventry: Table 1 shows the other major holders of hereditaments, whilst Table 2 shows landholdings in terms of acreages.

Name No. of assessments Earl Beauchamp 28 Earl of Coventry 22 H. C. M. Porter 14 Hy. C. Mansell Porter Charles Whittaker 11 Joseph Spiers 10 Rev. J. Willis Rev. John Willis John Willis⁶ 6 39 others with 6 or less assessments 85 Not stated 2

Table 1: Number of assessments by landowner

Table 2 shows the acreage of land in the parish by major landowner, determined by summing the entries in the Valuation Summary.

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TOTAL

⁶ Rev. Leo John Willis, M.A. was vicar of the parish of Defford, whilst John Willis ran the Railway Inn, Defford and was also a fruit grower. Kelly's Directory 1912, p.71.

Table 2: Acreage of land by major landowner

Name	I	Acreage	9
	a	r	p
Earl Beauchamp	484	3	18
Charles Whitaker	204	2	0
Earl of Coventry	206	1	0
Trustees Dudley Charity	100	2	0
Joseph Spiers	93	1	0
Trustees W. E. Wall	81	3	0
Hy. C. Mansell Porter	56	0	0
Mark Revill	54	3	0
8 others with between 10 and 50 acres each	156	3	15
25 others with less than 10 acres each	57	1	3
TOTAL	1495	3	36

Those assessments with more than 50 acres of land are listed in Table 3.

Table 3: Assessments in excess of 50 acres

Occupier	Situation	1	Acreage	
		a	r	p
Frederick Coney	Besford Road	150	1	0
Susannah Read	Defford Farm	134	0	0
Joseph Spiers	Bourne Farm	122	0	0
Rebecca Woodward	Defford	100	0	0
Susannah Read	Defford Farm	94	3	0
Joseph Spiers	Woodmancote	89	3	0
Mark Revill	Defford Bridge	81	3	0
Joseph Spiers	Woodmancote	81	2	0
John Wadley Jun.	Mill Pond Avon	78	1	0
Mark Revill	Defford Bridge	53	1	0
George Farley	Stonehall	51	0	0

Appendix 1. Transcribed data from the Valuation Summary for the parish of Defford.

NOTE: This data has been transcribed as presented in the Valuation Summary without any standardisation of punctuation, abbreviation &c. However, all data presented as superscripts has been included as normal text in this transcription.

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No. of assessment	No. of Poor Rate	Occupier	Owner and residence	Description	No	Situation	A	R	P	£	S	d	£	S	d
41	1	Beauchamp Earl	Earl Beauchamp	Coppice		Defford	5	1	0	5	5	0	5	0	0
42	2	Jones John Kempson Robert Ernest	Cheltenham Brewery Co Ld.	House		Crown Inn				20	0	0	16	0	0
43		Kempson Robert Ernest		Garden		Crown Inn		3	0	5	0	0	4	10	0
44	3	Bowkett John Hy.	John Hy Bowkett	Garden		Nr. Church		3	0	4	0	0	3	10	0
45		Bowkett John Hy.	John Hy Bowkett	Buildings		The Lands				2	0	0	1	10	0
46		Bowkett John Hy.	John Hy Bowkett	Orchard		The Lands	1	2	0	6	0	0	5	10	0
47	4	Roberts Burridge Ja.	Rebecca Ann Woodward	House		Defford				17	0	0	13	10	0
48		Roberts Burridge Ja.	Rebecca Ann Woodward	Garden		Defford		2	0	3	0	0	2	15	0
49	5	Checketts Francis	Earl Beauchamp	Land		Gooseham	3	2	0	7	10	0	6	15	0
50		Checketts Francis	Francis Checketts	Land		Gooseham		2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
51	5	Ward Harry	Francis Checketts	Land		Sallybeds	8	0	0	12	0	0	10	15	0
52	5	Checketts Francis	Francis Checketts	Pastures		On Common				8	5	0	7	10	0
53	6	Clarke William	Earl Beauchamp	Pastures		On Common				1	11	0	1	10	0
54	7	Coventry Earl of	Earl of Coventry	Land		Croome Park	10	0	0	10	10	0	10	0	0
55		Coventry Earl of	Earl of Coventry			Pt. Red Deer Park	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	0	0
56 7	8	Coventry Earl of	Earl of Coventry	Tithe		Hayward Field				1	10	0	1	5	0
57	9	Coventry Earl of	Earl of Coventry	Pastures		On Common				27	7	6	22	15	0

⁷ The Assessment Number 56 is crossed out and the note added: Error Tithe. [Tithe Apportionment Charges were not normally allocated an Assessment Number].

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No. of assessment	No. of Poor Rate	Occupier	Owner and residence	Description	No	Situation	A	R	P	£	S	d	£	S	d
58	10	Davis John Andrew Woodward Rebecca Ann	John A. Davis Trustees Dudley Charity	Garden		Defford					11	0		10	0
59	11	Ewins Alice. M. M.	Alice. M. M. Ewins	House		Defford				15	0	0	12	15	0
59		Ewins Alice. M. M.	Alice. M. M. Ewins	Garden		Defford		2	0	3	0	0	2	15	0
60	12	Farley George	Hy. C. Mansell. Porter	Buildings		Stonehall				3	0	0	2	10	0
60	12	Farley George	Hy. C. Mansell. Porter	Land		Stonehall	51	0	0	19	10	0	17	10	0
61	12	Farley Thomas.	Hy. C. Mansell. Porter	Land		Stonehall	5	0	0	2	10	0	2	5	0
62	12	Farley Thomas.	Hy. C. Mansell. Porter	Garden		Stonehall					12	0		10	0
63	13	Goodall Louisa	Louisa Goodall	House & Garden		Nr. Church.				12	0	0	10	5	0
64	14	Green Sarah	Sarah Green	Pastures		On Common					16	0		15	0
65	15	Watkins John.	Earl Beauchamp.	Land.		Glebe Allotments	1	2	0	3	0	0	2	15	0
66		Watkins John.	Earl Beauchamp.	Land.		Packmans Orchard	10	2	0	10	2	6	9	0	0
67	16	Hayward Julia Ewins Alice M. M.	Sarah Green	Orchard		Back Lane		1	0	3	0	0	2	15	0
68		Hayward Julia	Earl. of. Coventry	House		Woodmancote				10	0	0	8	0	0
69		Hayward Julia	Earl. of. Coventry	Orchard		Woodmancote		2	0	2	0	0	1	15	0
70	17	Taylor George.	Rebecca A. Woodward	House		New Inn				25	0	0	20	0	0
70		Taylor George.	Rebecca A. Woodward	Buildings		New Inn				4	0	0	3	5	0
70		Taylor George.	Rebecca A. Woodward	Garden		New Inn	4	2	0	16	0	0	14	10	0
71	18	Spiers Joseph.	Charles Whitaker	House		Bourne Farm				20	0	0	16	0	0
71		Spiers Joseph.	Charles Whitaker	Buildings		Bourne Farm				12	10	0	10	0	0
71		Spiers Joseph.	Charles Whitaker	Land		Bourne Farm	122	0	0	110	0	0	99	0	0
72		Spiers Joseph.	Charles Whitaker	On C Pastures		On Common				7	10	0	6	15	0

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73		Spiers Joseph.	Charles Whitaker	House		Woodmancote				10	0	0	8	0	0
73		Spiers Joseph.	Charles Whitaker	Buildings		Woodmancote				8	0	0	6	10	0
73		Spiers Joseph.	Charles Whitaker	Land		Woodmancote	81	2	0	112	0	0	100	15	0
74		Spiers Joseph.	Charles Whitaker	Pastures		On Common				9	5	0	8	5	0
75	19	Hemus George Spiers M & Son	Ernest. J. Woodward	Pastures		On Common				1	15	0	1	10	0
76	20	Hollinshead Geo.	Earl. of Coventry	Land		Barn Close & Gray Orchard	31	3	0	20	0	0	18	0	0
77	21	Taylor Jas. Checketts	Joseph Spiers	House		Woodmancote				13	0	0	10	10	0
77		Taylor Jas. Checketts	Joseph Spiers	Buildings		Woodmancote				3	0	0	2	10	0
77		Taylor Jas. Checketts	Joseph Spiers	Land		Woodmancote	3	0	0	9	0	0	8	0	0
78	22	Ballard Geo.	Augustine Hulse	Land		Harpley	1	1	0	6	0	0	5	10	0
79		Ballard Geo.	Trustees Dudley Charity Augustine Hulse	Land		Gooseham		2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
80	23	Ballard Geo.	Earl of Coventry	House		Woodmancote				10	0	0	8	0	0
80		Ballard Geo.	Earl of Coventry	Buildings		Woodmancote				4	0	0	3	5	0
80		Ballard Geo.	Earl of Coventry	Land		Woodmancote	29	1	0	11	0	0	10	0	0
81		Ballard Geo.	Earl of Coventry	Land		Haywards Field	7	1	0	5	7	6	5	0	0
82		Ballard Geo.	Earl of Coventry	Land		Brightley	3	3	0	5	10	0	5	0	0
83	24	Jordan George	H. C. M. Porter	Land		Defford	2	2	0	12	0	0	10	15	0
84	25	Onions Simon	Simon Onions	House & Garden		Bourne Bank	2	1	0	55	0	0	48	15	0
85	26	Onions Simon & others	Feoffees Defford Charity	Buildings		Cow Leasow				3	0	0	2	10	0
85		Onions Simon & others	Feoffees Defford Charity	Land		Cow Leasow	27	2	0	44	0	0	39	10	0

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86		Onions Simon & others	Feoffees Defford Charity	Pastures		On Common				3	0	0	2	15	0
87	27	Payne P. Marriott	Midland Ry. Co.	Railway 1 m 19ch		Defford				2365	0	0	1877	0	0
87		Payne P. Marriott	Midland Ry. Co.	Defford Station & appurtenances			12	1	0				70	0	0
88	28	Porter Henry C. M.	H. C. M. Porter	Coppice		Nr. Common	8	2	0	5	0	0	4	15	0
89		Porter Henry C. M.	H. C. M. Porter	Pastures		On Common				9	15	0	8	15	0
90	29	Rice Frederick	Charles Whitaker	Garden		Defford		2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0
91		Rice Frederick	Rev. G. Swinden Revd John Willis	Land		Glebe	16	0	0	20	0	0	18	0	0
928	30	Read Susannah.	Earl Beauchamp.	House		Defford Farm.				20	0	0	16	0	0
92		Read Susannah.	Earl Beauchamp.	Buildings		Defford Farm.				10	0	0	8	0	0
92		Read Susannah.	Earl Beauchamp.	Land.		Defford Farm.	134	0	0	149	2	6	134	5	0
93		Read Susannah.	Earl Beauchamp.	Pastures		On Common				12	15	0	11	10	0
94	31	Revill Mark.	Mark Revill	House & Garden		Defford House				20	0	0	17	0	0
95		Revill Mark.	Mark Revill	Garden.		Defford House	1	2	0	8	0	0	7	5	0
96	32	Roberts Edwin	Edwin Roberts	House & Garden		Defford				16	0	0	13	10	0
97		Roberts Edwin	Edwin Roberts	Bakehouse		Defford				5	0	0	4	5	0
98	33	Ward Harry	Edwd. C. Saunders	House & Garden		Saunders Villa		1	0	12	0	0	10	5	0
98		Ward Harry	Edwd. C. Saunders	Building		Saunders Villa				2	0	0	1	15	0
98		Ward Harry	Edwd. C. Saunders	Garden.		Saunders Villa		2	0	2	0	0	1	15	0
99		Ward Harry	Earl Beauchamp	Land.		Defford.	10	0	0	19	15	0	17	15	0

⁸ Note added across entries for Assessment Number 92: See end of Book. [See separate supplementary table at end of Appendix 1].

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No. of assessment	No. of Poor Rate	Occupier	Owner and residence	Description	No	Situation	A	R	P	£	S	d	£	S	d
100	34	Willis John.	Arnold Perrett & Co. Ltd	House		Railway Inn				38	0	0	30	10	0
100		Willis John.	Arnold Perrett & Co. Ltd	Buildings		Railway Inn				7	0	0	5	10	0
100		Willis John.	Arnold Perrett & Co. Ltd	Garden.		Railway Inn	1	0	0	10	0	0	9	0	0
101		Willis John.	Chwdns Holy Cross	Land		Gooseham					15	0		15	0
102	35	Spiers Joseph.	Joseph Spiers	Pasture		On Common					2	6		2	6
102		Spiers Joseph.	Joseph Spiers	Pasture		On Common				1	0	0	1	0	0
103		Spiers Joseph.	Joseph Spiers	Buildings		Woodmancote				20	0	0	16	0	0
103		Spiers Joseph.	Joseph Spiers	Land.		Woodmancote	89	3	0	78	0	0	70	5	0
104		Spiers Joseph.	Revd G. Swinden John Willis	Land.		Glebe	9	0	0	9	0	0	8	0	0
105		Spiers Joseph.	H. C. M. Porter	Land.		Stonehall	15	0	0	7	10	0	6	15	0
106	36	Swinden Revd Geo. Willis Revd. John.	Revd. Geo. Swinden Revd John Willis	House & Garden		The Vicarage				35	0	0	29	15	0
107		Swinden Revd Geo. Willis Revd. John.	Revd. Geo. Swinden Revd John Willis	Land		The Vicarage	6	3	0	13	0	0	11	15	0
108		Swinden Revd Geo. Willis Revd. John.	Revd. Geo. Swinden Revd John Willis	Allotments		Glebe	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	15	0
109	37	Taylor Elizabeth	Elizabeth Taylor	House		Defford				12	0	0	9	10	0
109	37	Taylor Elizabeth	Elizabeth Taylor	Buildings		Defford				8	0	0	6	10	0
109	37	Taylor Elizabeth	Elizabeth Taylor	Land		Defford	22	0	0	41	0	0	37	0	0
110	37	Taylor Elizabeth	Elizabeth Taylor	Pastures		On Common				3	2	6	3	0	0
111	38	Taylor Sarah	Elizabeth Taylor	Orchard		Defford	1	3	0	10	0	0	9	0	0
112		Taylor Sarah	Sarah Taylor	Land		Buckles Orchard		3	0	3	10	0	3	2	6

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No. of assessment	No. of Poor Rate	Occupier	Owner and residence	Description	No	Situation	A	R	P	£	S	d	£	S	d
113		Taylor Sarah	Sarah Taylor	Building & Land		Back Lane				1	10	0	1	5	0
114	39	Coney Frederick	Earl Beauchamp.	Buildings		Besford Road				1	10	0	1	5	0
114		Coney Frederick	Earl Beauchamp.	Land		Besford Road	150	1	0	63	0	0	57	0	0
115		Coney Frederick	Earl Beauchamp.	Pastures		On Common				7	10	0	6	5	0
116	40	Smith Edward	Earl. of Coventry	Fishery		On the Avon				1	1	0	1	0	0
117	41	Wadley John Jr.	Earl. of Coventry	House		Mill Pond Avon				15	0	0	12	0	0
117		Wadley John Jr.	Earl. of Coventry	Buildings		Mill Pond Avon				8	0	0	6	10	0
117		Wadley John Jr.	Earl. of Coventry	Land		Mill Pond Avon	78	1	0	23	10	0	21	5	0
118		Wadley John Jr.	Earl. of Coventry	Pastures		On Common					17	6		15	0
119	42	Hayward Wm. Chas.	Earl of Coventry	House		The Borders				8	0	0	6	10	0
119		Hayward Wm. Chas.	Earl of Coventry	Buildings		The Borders				4	0	0	2	10	0
119		Hayward Wm. Chas.	Earl of Coventry	Land.		The Borders	43	0	0	20	7	6	18	5	0
120		Hayward Wm. Chas.	Earl of Coventry	Pastures		On Common				1	12	6	1	10	0
121 9	43	Whitaker Charles	Charles Whitaker	Tithe		The Borders				5	5	0	4	10	0
122	44	Brooks John	Arnold Perrett & Co Ltd	House & Garden		Fair View				11	0	0	9	5	0
123	45	Summers Sarah Ann	John Willis	House & Garden		The Oak				15	0	0	12	0	0
124		Summers Sarah Ann	John Willis	Land		The Oak	1	1	0	5	0	0	4	10	0
125 ¹⁰	46	Revill Mark.	Trustees W. E. Wall.	Buildings		Defford Bridge				9	0	0	7	5	0

⁹ The Assessment Number 121 is crossed out and the note added: Error Tithe. [Tithe Apportionment Charges were not normally allocated an Assessment Number]. ¹⁰ Note added across entries for Assessment Number 125: See end of Book. [See separate supplementary table at end of Appendix 1].

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No. of assessment	No. of Poor Rate	Occupier	Owner and residence	Description	No	Situation	A	R	P	£	S	d	£	S	d
125		Revill Mark.	Trustees W. E. Wall.	Land		Defford Bridge	81	3	0	121	12	6	109	10	0
126		Revill Mark.	Earl of Coventry	Pastures		On Common				3	7	6	3	0	0
127	47	Woodward Rebecca	Trustees Dudley Charity	House		Defford				18	0	0	14	10	0
127		Woodward Rebecca	Trustees Dudley Charity	Buildings		Defford				8	0	0	6	10	0
127		Woodward Rebecca	Trustees Dudley Charity	Land		Defford	100	0	0	100	2	6	90	0	0
128		Woodward Rebecca	Trustees Dudley Charity	Pastures		On Common				13	17	6	12	10	0
129	48	Committee Working Mens Club	Trustees of Club Room	Club. Room.		Defford				5	0	0	4	5	0
130	49	Soley Walter	Joseph Spiers	House & Garden		Defford		1	0	12	0	0	10	5	0
131	50	Davis John Andrew	J. A. Davis	Cottage & Garden		Crown Lane				5	0	0	3	15	0
132	51	Brown Henry	Henry Brown.	Cottage & Garden		Crown Lane				10	0	0	8	10	0
133	52	Clarke Jessie Elizabeth Emma	J. E & H. Clarke.	Cottage		On Bank				4	10	0	3	7	6
134		Clarke Jessie Elizabeth Emma	J. E & H. Clarke.	Garden		On Bank		1	0	1	10	0	1	5	0
135		Clarke Jessie Elizabeth Emma	J. E & H. Clarke.	Cottage & Garden		On Bank				4	0	0	3	0	0
136	53	Davis Chas Wm.	Albert Parker	Cottage & Garden		On Bank				5	0	0	3	15	0
137	53	Attwood Chas Jas. Wood John	Albert Parker	Cottage & Garden		On Bank				5	0	0	3	15	0
138	54	Jordan George	George Jordan	Cottage		Nr Church				5	10	0	4	2	6
138	54	Jordan George	George Jordan	Garden.		Nr Church		1	0	1	10	0	1	5	0

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139	54	Perrott George	George Jordan	Cottage & Garden		Nr Church				5	0	0	3	15	0
140	55	Roper Jos. Hughes	Joseph Spiers	Cottage		Woodmancote				5	0	0	3	15	0
140		Roper Jos. Hughes	Joseph Spiers	Garden		Woodmancote		1	0	3	0	0	2	15	0
141	56	Kearsley Robert	School Managers	House & Garden		School House				8	0	0	6	0	0
142	57	Hooper Beky	Earl Beauchamp.	Cottage & Gard.		Defford				5	0	0	3	15	0
142		Hooper Beky	Earl Beauchamp.	Cottage & Gard.				2	0	1	10	0	1	7	6
143		Handy William	Earl Beauchamp.	Cottage & Gard.		Nr. Church				4	0	0	3	0	0
143		Handy William	Earl Beauchamp.	Cottage & Gard.		Nr. Church		1	0		10	0		7	6
144		Chambers Charles	Earl Beauchamp.	Cottage & Gard.		Nr. Church				5	0	0	3	15	0
144		Chambers Charles	Earl Beauchamp.	Cottage & Gard.		Nr. Church		2	0	1	10	0	1	7	6
145		Butler Jacob	Earl Beauchamp.	Cottage & Gard.		Cold Comfort				5	0	0	3	15	0
145		Butler Jacob	Earl Beauchamp.	Cottage & Gard.		Cold Comfort	1	0	0	3	0	0	2	15	0
146		Dorey George.								4	10	0	3	7	6
147	58	Tompkins Sophia	Earl Beauchamp.	Cottage & Gard.		The Lodge		1	0	5	0	0	3	17	6
148		Ferris George	Earl Beauchamp.	Cottage & Gard.		Cold Comfort		1	0	5	0	0	3	17	6
149		Watkins John	Earl Beauchamp.	Cottage & Gard.		Cold Comfort				4	0	0	3	0	0
150	59	Tomlins Joseph.	Earl Beauchamp	Cottage & Garden		Upper St.				4	0	0	3	0	0

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No. of assessment	No. of Poor Rate	Occupier	Owner and residence	Description	No	Situation	A	R	P	£	S	d	£	S	d
151		Phillips Jemima	Earl Beauchamp	Cottage & Garden		Nr. Church				3	15	0	2	17	6
151		Phillips Jemima	Earl Beauchamp	Cottage & Garden		Nr. Church		2	0	1	10	0	1	7	6
152		Scudder Thomas	Earl Beauchamp	Cottage & Garden		Defford				4	5	0	3	5	0
152		Scudder Thomas	Earl Beauchamp	Cottage & Garden		Defford		1	0	1	0	0		17	6
153	60	Simmonds Wm.	Earl of Coventry	Cottage & Garden		Nr. Croome Park				3	15	0	2	17	6
153		Simmonds Wm.	Earl of Coventry	Cottage & Garden		Nr. Croome Park		1	0	1	5	0	1	2	6
154		Glover Eliza	Earl of Coventry	Cottage & Garden		Brightley		1	0	4	0	0	3	0	0
155		Willis. George	Earl of Coventry	Cottage & Garden		Brightley		1	0	4	0	0	3	0	0
156	61	Tustin Thomas	Earl of Coventry	Cottage & Garden		Marsh Common		1	0	4	10	0	3	10	0
157	62	Spiers W. Edw in ard	Joseph Spiers	Cottage & Garden		Woodmancote				7	0	0	5	5	0
157		Spiers W. Edw in ard	Joseph Spiers	Cottage & Garden		Woodmancote				6	0	0	4	10	0
158		Boncher James	Joseph Spiers	Cottage & Garden		Woodmancote				5	0	0	3	15	0
159		Ballard Wm.	Joseph Spiers	Cottage & Garden		Woodmancote				4	0	0	3	0	0
160		Hawker Josiah	Joseph Spiers	Cottage & Garden		Woodmancote				4	0	0	3	0	0
161	63	Tustin James	Mary Matilda Davis	Cottage & Garden		On Bank				4	10	0	3	7	6
161	63	Tustin James	Mary Matilda Davis	Cottage & Garden		On Bank		2	0	1	10	0	1	7	6

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162	63	Godfrey H. John	Mary Matilda Davis	Cottage & Garden		On Bank				4	10	0	3	7	6		
163	63	Cook John Phipps Leonard	Mary Matilda Davis	Cottage & Garden		On Bank				2	10	0	2	0	0		
164	63	Terns Fredk Clarke Albert	Mary Matilda Davis	Cottage & Garden		On Bank				4	0	0	3	0	0		
165	63	Tustin Laurence	Mary Matilda Davis	Cottage & Garden		On Bank				2	10	0	2	0	0		
166	64	White Elizabeth	H. C. M. Porter	Cottage & Garden		Nr Crown Inn				8	0	0	6	0	0		
167		Massey Rowland H.	H. C. M. Porter	Cottage & Garden		Nr Crown Inn				6	0	0	4	10	0		
168		Farley George.	H. C. M. Porter	Cottage & Garden		Stonehall				6	0	0	4	10	0		
169		Farley Thomas	H. C. M. Porter	Cottage & Garden		Stonehall				4	0	0	3	0	0		
170		Farley Thomas	H. C. M. Porter	Cottage & Garden		Stonehall				4	0	0	3	0	0		
171		Morris Joseph	H. C. M. Porter	Cottage & Garden		Stonehall				4	0	0	3	0	0		
172		Sheriff William	H. C. M. Porter	Cottage & Garden		Stonehall				4	0	0	3	0	0		
173	65	Checketts Caroline	Revd. G. Swinden Revd John Willis	Cottage & Garden		Nr. Railway				4	0	0	3	0	0		
174		Parker John	Revd. G. Swinden Revd John Willis	Cottage & Garden		Nr. Railway				4	0	0	3	0	0		
175	66	Taylor Edmund	Trustees Dudley Charity	Cottage & Garden		Coplands Court				4	0	0	3	0	0		
176		Elliot William	Trustees Dudley Charity	Cottage & Garden		Nr. Church				3	10	0	2	12	6		
177		Taylor George	Trustees Dudley Charity	Cottage & Garden		Nr. Church				3	10	0	2	12	6		

							Estimated extent				s ann alue	ual	Ratea	ble v	alue
No. of assessment	No. of Poor Rate	Occupier	Owner and residence	Description	No	Situation	A	R	P	£	S	d	£	S	d
178		Lloyd Winifred	Trustees Dudley Charity	Cottage & Garden		Nr. Church				4	0	0	3	0	0
178		Lloyd Winifred	Trustees Dudley Charity	Cottage & Garden		Nr. Church		2	0	1	0	0		17	6
179	67	Taylor Sarah	Elizabeth Taylor	Cottage & Garden		Crown Lane				6	0	0	4	10	0
179		Taylor Sarah	Elizabeth Taylor	Cottage & Garden		Crown Lane				3	0	0	2	5	0
180		Rice Frederick	Elizabeth Taylor	Cottage & Garden		Defford				5	0	0	3	15	0
180		Rice Frederick	Elizabeth Taylor	Cottage & Garden		Defford		1	0	1	6	0	1	2	6
181		Eales Herbert Jesse	Elizabeth Taylor	Cottage & Garden		Defford				5	0	0	3	15	0
181		Eales Herbert Jesse	Elizabeth Taylor	Cottage & Garden		Defford		1	0	1	6	0	1	2	6
182	68	Parker Ernest	Sarah Taylor	Cottage & Garden		Defford				3	10	0	2	12	6
183		Fletcher Robert	Sarah Taylor	Cottage & Garden		Back Lane				3	10	0	2	12	6
184		Cook Mary Ann	Sarah Taylor	Cottage & Garden		Near Church				3	10	0	2	12	6
185		Void Taylor George	Sarah Taylor	Cottage & Garden		Near Church				3	10	0	2	12	6
186	69	Holder Thomas	John. H. Bowkett	Cottage & Garden		On Bank				4	10	0	3	7	6
187		Wood John Ferris Frederick	John. H. Bowkett	Cottage & Garden		On Bank				4	10	0	3	7	6
188		Bowkett John Hy.	John. H. Bowkett	Cottage & Garden		Near Church				5	0	0	3	15	0

							Estimated extent				s anni alue	ual	Rateable value		
No. of assessment	No. of Poor Rate	Occupier	Owner and residence	Description	No	Situation	A	R	P	£	S	d	£	S	d
189		Parker Hubert Attwood Charles James	John. H. Bowkett	Cottage & Garden		Near Church				4	0	0	3	0	0
190	70	Jones Allen	Charles Whitaker	Marsh Common Cottage & Garden		Marsh Common				4	0	0	3	0	0
190		Jones Allen	Charles Whitaker	Marsh Common Cottage & Garden		Marsh Common		1	0	1	0	0		17	6
191		Wadley Louisa	Charles Whitaker	Nr Church Cottage & Garden		Nr Church				4	10	0	3	7	6
191		Wadley Louisa	Charles Whitaker	Nr Church Cottage & Garden		Nr Church		1	0	1	10	0	1	7	6
192		Treherne Henry	Charles Whitaker	Nr Church Cottage & Garden		Nr Church				4	0	0	3	0	0
193		Hobbs Arthur	Charles Whitaker	Woodmancote Cottage & Garden		Woodmancote				4	0	0	3	0	0
194		Hawker John.	Charles Whitaker	Back Lane Cottage & Garden		Back Lane				4	0	0	3	0	0
195	71	Jeynes Chas Elizabeth	Sarah Green	Cottage & Garden		Back Lane				3	0	0	2	5	0
196		Scudder Fredk.	Sarah Green	Cottage & Garden		Back Lane				4	0	0	3	0	0
197	72	Davis James	John Willis	Cottage & Garden		Woodmancote				3	10	0	2	12	6

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No. of assessment	No. of Poor Rate	Occupier	Owner and residence	Description	No	Situation	A	R	P	£	S	d	£	S	d	
198		Cox George	John Willis	Cottage & Garden		Woodmancote				3	10	0	2	12	6	
199	73	Phipps Leonard Hamshere John	Trustees of W. E. Wall Mark Revill	Cottage & Garden		Defford Bridge				4	0	0	3	0	0	
200		Ruck Alexander	Trustees of W. E. Wall Mark Revill	Cottage & Garden						4	0	0	3	0	0	
201		Rice George	Trustees of W. E. Wall Mark Revill	Cottage & Garden		Upper Street				4	0	0	3	0	0	
202		Handy Thomas.	Trustees of W. E. Wall	Cottage & Garden		Upper Street				4	0	0	3	0	0	
203		Godfrey George	Trustees of W. E. Wall Thomas Taylor	Cottage & Garden		Old Workhouse		1	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	
204		Farley Geo. Junr.	Trustees of W. E. Wall	Cottage & Garden		Old Workhouse				4	0	0	3	0	0	
205		Rice John	Trustees of W. E. Wall	Cottage & Garden		Old Workhouse		1	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	
206		Moseley Walter	Trustees of W. E. Wall	Cottage & Garden		Upper Street				4	0	0	3	0	0	
207		Wood William	Trustees of W. E. Wall	Cottage & Garden		Upper Street				4	0	0	3	0	0	
	74	Swinden Rev. Geo.	Rev. Geo. Swinden	Tithe Rent Charge attached to the Benefice of Defford.						20	0	0	17	0	0	
208		G. Taylor	The Earl Beauchamp	Land		Lower Innings	3	0	0							
209		J. C. Taylor	The Earl Beauchamp	Land		Lower Innings	5	0	0							
210		W. Taylor	The Earl Beauchamp	Land		Lower Innings & Upper innings	5	0	0							
211		J. C. Taylor & G. Jordan	The Earl Beauchamp	Land		Part Grastney	8	1	27							
212		G. Jordan	The Earl Beauchamp	Land		Lower Innings	2	0	0							

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No. of assessment	No. of Poor Rate	Occupier	Owner and residence	Description	No	Situation	A	R	P	£	S	d	£	S	d
213		H Ward	The Earl Beauchamp	Land		Lower Innings Russells Meadow & Gravel Pit Piece	12	0	3						
214		G. Taylor	George Taylor.	Land		Part Grastney	4	0	0						
215		John Willis	John Willis	Land		Gooseham	1	0	38						
216		E. Roberts	Edwin Roberts	Land		Beard's Ground	12	2	25						
217		Mark Revill	Wm Taylor	Land		Brinton's Orchard	1	3	1						
218		T. Taylor	T. Taylor	Land		Workhouse Ground	12	3	30						
22011		Lord Coventry	Lord Coventry	Woods &c.		Defford									
221		Vicar	Rev. J. Willis	The Church		Defford									
222		Vicar	Rev. J. Willis	Burial Ground		Defford		1	4						
223		Plymouth Bretheren Chapel.	Joseph Spiers.	Chapel.		Woodmancote									
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226		John Willis	Arnold Perrett & Co. Ltd	Garden behind "Railway Inn"		Defford									
227		Commoners	Earl Coventry	Part of Marsh Common in		Defford									

¹¹ Note added: No return made apparently not rated.

This supplementary table reproduces the entries referred to in the notes written across the entries for Assessment Numbers 92 and 125 which stated: See end of Book. [As referred to in footnotes 8 and 10]									ed t	Gross annual Rateable v					ılue
No. of assessment	No. of Poor Rate	Occupier	Owner and residence	Description	No	Situation	A	R	P	£	S	d	æ	S	d
9212	30	Read Susannah.	Earl Beauchamp	House Buildings & Land		Defford Farm				20	0	0	16	0	0
9213	30	Read Susannah.	Earl Beauchamp	House Buildings & Land		Defford Farm				10	0	0	8	0	0
9214	30	Read Susannah.	Earl Beauchamp	House Buildings & Land		Defford Farm	94	3	0	70	12	6	63	10	0
9215	30	Taylor Jas. Checketts	Earl Beauchamp	Land		Lower Innings	5	0	0	10	0	0	9	0	0
9216	30	Taylor Wilfred	Earl Beauchamp	Land		Lower Innings & Upper Innings	5	0	0	10	0	0	9	0	0
92 ¹⁷	30	Taylor Jas. Checketts & Jordan George	Earl Beauchamp	Land		Part Grastney	8	1	0	17	0	0	15	5	0
9218	30	Jordan George	Earl Beauchamp	Land		Lower Innings	2	0	0	4	0	0	3	10	0
9219	30	Ward Harry	Earl Beauchamp	Land		Lower Innings Russells Meadow & Gravel Pit Piece	12	0	0	23	10	0	21	0	0
92 ²⁰	30	Taylor George	Earl Beauchamp	Land		Lower Innings	3	0	0	6	0	0	5	10	0
92 ²¹	30	Taylor George	George Taylor	Land		Part Grastney	4	0	0	8	0	0	7	5	0

¹² The Gross Annual Value and Rateable Value for this entry are identical to the value given for the House in Assessment Number 92 in the main table above.

¹³ The Gross Annual Value and Rateable Value for this entry are identical to the value given for the Buildings in Assessment Number 92 in the main table above.

¹⁴ Taking consideration of this entry and the following seven entries, then summing the values for all of these entries results in an acreage of 134 acres, a Gross Annual Value of £149 2s 6d, and a Rateable Value of £134. The acreage and Gross Annual Value are identical to the values given for the Land in Assessment Number 92, whilst the Rateable Value is 5s less than the corresponding value.

¹⁵ For this entry and the following six entries, there is an added note written across the entries: Entered under separate numbers. [See Assessment Number 209 in the main table above].

¹⁶ See Assessment Number 210 in the main table above.

¹⁷ See Assessment Number 211 in the main table above.

¹⁸ See Assessment Number 212 in the main table above.

¹⁹ See Assessment Number 213 in the main table above.

²⁰ See Assessment Number 208 in the main table above.

²¹ See Assessment Number 214 in the main table above.

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No. of	No. of	Occupier	Owner and	Description	No	Situation	A	R	P	£	S	d	£	S	d
assessment	Poor Rate		residence												
125 ²²	46	Revill Mark	Mark Revill	Buildings		Defford Bridge				9	0	0	7	5	0
125 ²³	46	Revill Mark	Mark Revill	Land		Defford Bridge	53	1	0	82	12	6	74	10	0
125 ²⁴	46	Taylor Thomas	Thomas Taylor	Land		Workhouse Ground	12	3	0	20	0	0	18	0	0
125 ²⁵	46	Revill Mark	William Taylor	Land		Brnton's Orchard	1	3	0	5	0	0	4	10	0
125 ²⁶	46	Roberts Edwin	Edwin Roberts	Land		Beard's Ground	12	2	0	12	0	0	10	15	0
125 ²⁷	46	Willis John	John Willis	Land		Gooseham	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	15	0

²² The Gross Annual Value and Rateable Value for this entry are identical to the value given for the Buildings in Assessment Number 125 in the main table above.

²³ Taking consideration of this entry and the following four entries, then summing the values for all of these entries results in an acreage of 81 acres, 1 rood and 0 perches, a Gross Annual Value of £121 12s 6d, and a Rateable Value of £109 10s 0d. The Gross Annual Value and Rateable Value are identical to the values given for the Land in Assessment Number 125, whilst the acreage is 2 roods less.

²⁴ For this entry and the following three entries, there is an added note written across the entries: Entered under separate numbers. [See Assessment Number 218 in the main table above].

²⁵ See Assessment Number 217 in the main table above.

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