

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



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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.¹ 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);

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.

This booklet presents the data for the civil parish of Huddington: it has been taken from the summary book for the Income Tax Parish of Crowle which covers the civil parishes of Crowle, Huddington, Oddingley and Tibberton.²

2. The parish of Huddington in 1910

The parish is located 6½ miles north-east from Worcester and 5 miles south-east of Droitwich, extending to 981 acres and lies on four different types of bedrock geology, namely, ‘Rugby Limestone Member – mudstone & limestone’, ‘Wilmcote Limestone Member – mudstone & limestone’, ‘Cotham Member – limestone’ and ‘Saltford Shale Member – mudstone’. The resulting soils are primarily clayey loam to silty loam, with some sand to sandy loam, and clay to sandy loam.³

When the census was carried out in 1911, the population of Huddington was 79 (38 males and 41 females): of the 21 properties recorded in the census, 17 were inhabited, three were uninhabited, and one was classed as a ‘building not used as dwelling’.⁴ From an agricultural viewpoint in the same year, the total cultivated area of the parish was 739¾ acres, of which 114¼ were arable, and 625½ acres (85% of the total) were grassland: included within the total was 24½ acres of orchards. All five agricultural holdings in the parish, were tenanted properties. The main arable crops were wheat, oats, and beans, whilst the orchards were growing a range of top fruit. With more pasture land than arable, 127 cattle and 428 sheep were kept.⁵

² WAAS: BA 8585/1/27, *Inland Revenue. Valuation Summary book for the parish of Crowle, Huddington, Oddingley, Tibberton 1909-10.*

³ Kelly’s Directory 1912, pp. 142-143. British Geological Survey, *Geology Viewer – Huddington, Worcestershire* geologyviewer.bgs.ac.uk [accessed 26 April 2023]; British Geological Survey, *UK Soil Observatory (UKSO) Map Viewer – Huddington, Worcestershire* <https://mapapps2.bgs.ac.uk/ukso/home.html> [accessed 26 April 2023].

⁴ TNA: RG78/1087. *1911 Census Enumerator’s Summary Books. Worcestershire. Droitwich. Registration Sub-District: Droitwich, including Civil Parish, Township or Place: Huddington.*

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, 43; Oats, 19½; Beans, 19. Orchard acreages: Apples, 14½; Plums, 1; Other kinds, 9.

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

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

- Two variations of occupier names, *Gerrard, Geo.* and *Gerrard, George* are shown in Appendix 1: the listings in Appendix 3 show *Gerrard, George* for both variations;
- Two variations of occupier names, *Tredwell, Jas.* and *Tredwell, James* are shown in Appendix 1: the listings in Appendix 3 show *Tredwell, James* for both variations.

All of the assessments with owners recorded in the Valuation Summary (31 out of 32) were owned by the Earl of Shrewsbury who was lord of the manor and Lt.-Col. Lord Edmund Bernard Talbot, either singly or together, as shown in Table 1.⁶

Table 1: Number of assessments by landowner

Name	No. of assessments
Earl Shrewsbury	13
Lord Talbot	10
Lord E. Talbot	4
Lord E. Talbot & Earl Shrewsbury	2
Shrewsbury & Talbot	1
Lord Edmund Talbot	1
TOTAL	31

Table 2 shows the acreage of land in the parish by major landowner, determined by summing the entries in the Valuation Summary. Finally, those assessments with more than 25 acres of land are listed in Table 3.

Table 2: Acreage of land by major landowner

Name	Acreage		
	a	r	p
Earl Shrewsbury	485	3	9
Lord E. Talbot & Earl Shrewsbury	240	3	16
Shrewsbury & Talbot	138	0	9
Lord E. Talbot	59	0	21
Lord Talbot	16	1	30
Lord Edmund Talbot	0	0	20
TOTAL	940	1	25

Table 3: Assessments in excess of 25 acres

Situation	Acreage		
	a	r	p
Hall Farm and The Mill Farm	240	3	16
Hill Farm	188	0	0
Sale Green Farm	138	0	9
Trench & Popes (Woods)	108	2	2
Court Farm	102	1	29
Saleway	81	0	20
Pt. of Court Farm	58	3	0

⁶ Kelly's Directory 1912, p.143.

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

NOTE:

1. 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.
2. All entries were preceded by the letter 'R' in red ink.

No. of assessment	No. of Poor Rate	Occupier	Owner and residence	Description	No	Situation	Estimated extent			Gross annual value			Rateable value		
							A	R	P	£	s	d	£	s	d
146	1	Baylis, William	Earl Shrewsbury. (Agent) W. C. T. Mynors. Little Ingestre, Stafford	Garden		Sale Green	1	1	12	1	14	0	1	10	0
147	2	Need, James	Earl Shrewsbury. (Agent) W. C. T. Mynors. Little Ingestre, Stafford	Cottage		Sale Green				3	0	0	2	5	0
147	2	Need, James	Earl Shrewsbury. (Agent) W. C. T. Mynors. Little Ingestre, Stafford	Garden		Sale Green	1	0	20	2	0	0	1	15	0
148 ⁷	3	Perkins, Herbert	Earl Shrewsbury. (Agent) W. C. T. Mynors. Little Ingestre, Stafford	Cottage		Sale Green				3	0	0	2	5	0
148	3	Perkins, Herbert	Earl Shrewsbury. (Agent) W. C. T. Mynors. Little Ingestre, Stafford	Garden		Sale Green		3	10	2	6	0	2	0	0

⁷ Note added: Included in No 160.

No. of assessment	No. of Poor Rate	Occupier	Owner and residence	Description	No	Situation	Estimated extent			Gross annual value			Rateable value		
							A	R	P	£	s	d	£	s	d
149	4	Sirrell, James	Earl Shrewsbury. (Agent) W. C. T. Mynors. Little Ingestre, Stafford	Cottage		Sale Green				4	0	0	3	0	0
149	4	Sirrell, James	Earl Shrewsbury. (Agent) W. C. T. Mynors. Little Ingestre, Stafford	Garden		Sale Green		2	3	1	0	0	1	0	0
150	5	Brown, Frank Percival	Lord Edmund Talbot (Agent) A Dudley Russon Battlefield, Bromsgrove	House		Sale Green Farm				10	10	0	8	10	0
150	5	Brown, Frank Percival	Lord Edmund Talbot (Agent) A Dudley Russon Battlefield, Bromsgrove	Buildings		Sale Green Farm			20	5	10	0	4	10	0
151	5(a)	Brown, Frank Percival	Shrewsbury & Talbot	Land		Sale Green Farm	138	0	9	87	6	0	78	12	0
152	6	Sheppard, William	Earl Shrewsbury	Cottage		Sale Green				3	0	0	2	5	0
152	6	Sheppard, William	Earl Shrewsbury	Garden		Sale Green		2	23	1	10	0	1	5	0
153	7	Perkins, Joseph	Earl Shrewsbury	Garden		Sale Green		1	0		10	0		10	0
154	8	Tredwell, James	Earl Shrewsbury	Garden		Sale Green		1	10		15	0		15	0
155	9	Wells, James	Earl Shrewsbury	Garden		Sale Green		1	0		15	0		15	0
156	10	Gerrard, George	Lord E. Talbot & Earl Shrewsbury.	House		Hall Farm and The Mill Farm				20	0	0	16	0	0
156	10	Gerrard, George	Lord E. Talbot & Earl Shrewsbury.	Buildings		Hall Farm and The Mill Farm	240	3	16	10	0	0	8	0	0
157	10(a)	Gerrard, George	Lord E. Talbot & Earl Shrewsbury.	Land		Hall Farm and The Mill Farm				184	0	0	165	10	0
158	11	Shrewsbury, Earl	Earl Shrewsbury	Woods		Trench & Popes	108	2	2	92	10	0	88	0	0

No. of assessment	No. of Poor Rate	Occupier	Owner and residence	Description	No	Situation	Estimated extent			Gross annual value			Rateable value		
							A	R	P	£	s	d	£	s	d
159 ⁸	12	Brown, Frank Percival	Lord E. Talbot	Land		Pt. of Court Farm	58	3	0	36	0	0	32	5	0
160	13	Cooper, Samuel	Earl Shrewsbury	House & Buildings		Court Farm				18	0	0	14	10	0
160	13	Cooper, Samuel	Earl Shrewsbury	Land		Court Farm	102	1	29	118	2	0	106	5	0
161	14	Galton, (Major) H. G. H.	Earl Shrewsbury	Land		Saleway	81	0	20	40	0	0	36	0	0
162 ⁹	15	Small, Herbert	Lord Talbot	Land		Saleway	15	0	18	10	0	0	9	0	0
163 ¹⁰	16	Cox, Albert	Lord Talbot	Cott & Garden		Huddington			35	4	0	0	3	0	0
164 ¹¹	17	Gerrard, George	Lord Talbot	Cott & Garden		Huddington			17	3	0	0	2	5	0
165	18	Gerrard, George	Lord Talbot	Cott & Garden		Huddington			20	4	0	0	3	0	0
166	19	Hawkins, Frank	Lord Talbot	Cott & Garden		Huddington			20	4	0	0	3	0	0
167	20	Hewlett, Ann (late)	Lord Talbot	Cott & Garden		Huddington			22	3	0	0	2	5	0
168	21	Kennett, M. A. (Mrs)	Lord Talbot	Cott & Garden		Sale Green			29	4	10	0	3	10	0
169 ¹²	22	Cox, Edwin	Lord Talbot	Cott & Garden		Huddington			11	3	0	0	2	5	0
170 ¹³	23	Rea, James	Lord Talbot	Cott & Garden		Huddington			18	3	10	0	2	10	0
171 ¹⁴	24	Allen, Benjamin	Lord Talbot	Cott & Garden		Sale Green		1	0	4	0	0	3	0	0
172 ¹⁵	25	Wells, Thomas	Lord E. Talbot	Cott. & Garden		Sale Green		1	0	4	0	0	3	0	0

⁸ Note added: Included in No 150.

⁹ Note added: Included in return for Himbleton Parish.

¹⁰ Note added: Included in No 150.

¹¹ Note added: Included in No 156.

¹² Note added: Included in No 156.

¹³ Note added: Included in No 156.

¹⁴ Note added: Included in No 150.

¹⁵ Note added: Included in No 150.

No. of assessment	No. of Poor Rate	Occupier	Owner and residence	Description	No	Situation	Estimated extent			Gross annual value			Rateable value		
							A	R	P	£	s	d	£	s	d
173 ¹⁶	26	Gerrard, Geo. Perkins Wm.	Lord E. Talbot	Cott. & Garden		Huddington			11	3	10	0	2	10	0
174	27	Tredwell, Jas.	Lord E. Talbot	Cott. & Garden		Sale Green			10	4	4	0	3	0	0
175	28	Holden, Thomas	Earl Shrewsbury	House		Hill Farm				10	0	0	8	0	0
175	28	Holden, Thomas	Earl Shrewsbury	Buildings		Hill Farm				5	0	0	4	0	0
175	28	Holden, Thomas	Earl Shrewsbury	Land		Hill Farm	188	0	0	135	0	0	121	10	0
176 ¹⁷	29	Gerrard, George	Earl Shrewsbury	House & Mill		The Mill		2	0	10	0	0	8	0	0
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¹⁶ Note added: Included in No 150.

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Appendix 5. References to other Land Valuation resources for Huddington

TNA – The National Archives, Kew

WAAS – Worcestershire Archaeology and Archive Service, The Hive, Worcester

Forms 37

No Forms 37 retained for the parish of Huddington.

Field Books

TNA: IR58/93399, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Field Books. Worcester. Crowle. Assessment No. 101-200, 1910.*

TNA: IR58/93401, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Field Books. Worcester. Crowle. Assessment No. 301-340, 1910.*

Record Maps

TNA: IR129/3/774, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Record Sheet Plans. West Midland Region: Hereford and Worcester District. OS Sheet Reference: Worcestershire XXIX 10, 1910.*

TNA: IR129/3/775, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Record Sheet Plans. West Midland Region: Hereford and Worcester District. OS Sheet Reference: Worcestershire XXIX 11, 1910.*

TNA: IR129/3/779, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Record Sheet Plans. West Midland Region: Hereford and Worcester District. OS Sheet Reference: Worcestershire XXIX 15, 1910.*

TNA: IR129/3/780, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Record Sheet Plans. West Midland Region: Hereford and Worcester District. OS Sheet Reference: Worcestershire XXIX 16, 1910.*

TNA: IR129/3/828, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Record Sheet Plans. West Midland Region: Hereford and Worcester District. OS Sheet Reference: Worcestershire XXXIV 3, 1910.*

TNA: IR129/3/829, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Record Sheet Plans. West Midland Region: Hereford and Worcester District. OS Sheet Reference: Worcestershire XXXIV 4, 1910.*