

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



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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 Oddingley: 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 Oddingley in 1910

The parish is located 6 miles north-east of Worcester and 3½ miles south-east of Droitwich, on a geology described as ‘Branscombe Mudstone Formation’, extending to 887 acres. The resulting soil is loam with a subsoil of marl, with some clay.³

When the census was carried out in 1911, the population of Oddingley was 110 (57 males and 53 females): of the 35 properties recorded in the census, 28 were inhabited, three were uninhabited, and four were 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 766¾ acres, of which 299¼ were arable, and 467½ acres (61% of the total) were grassland: there was also 30 acres of orchards, all of which were counted under permanent grassland. Of the 10 agricultural holdings in the parish, 9 were tenanted properties covering 756¾ acres (99% of the total). The main arable crops were wheat, beans, oats, and peas, whilst the orchards were growing a range of top fruit. With more pasture land than arable, 156 cattle and 295 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, p. 203. British Geological Survey, *Geology Viewer – Oddingley, Worcestershire* geologyviewer.bgs.ac.uk [accessed 27 May 2023].

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

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, 111; Beans, 87¾; Oats, 38; Peas, 17¾. Orchard acreages: Apples, 11; Other kinds, 19 (not Pears, Plums or Cherries).

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

Major Galton held 42 of the 60 assessments with owners recorded in the Valuation Summary. Major H. G. Howard Galton of Hadzor was lord of the manor and the principal landowner, in terms of both numbers of assessments in the parish and acreage in that he held 96% of the total parish land (see Table 1). The living was a rectory and was also in his gift.⁶

Table 1 shows the acreage of land in the parish by major landowner, determined by summing the entries in the Valuation Summary.

Table 1: Acreage of land by major landowner

Name	Acreage		
	a	r	p
Major Galton	832	3	4
9 others with 15 acres or less each	36	3	9
TOTAL	869	2	13

Those assessments with more than 25 acres of land are listed in Table 2.

Table 2: Assessments in excess of 25 acres

Situation	Acreage		
	a	r	p
Park Farm	244	0	0
Church Farm	238	0	0
Netherwood Farm	139	0	0
Trenches	76	0	11
Pine Apple Farm	59	2	0

⁶ Kelly's Directory 1912, p. 203.

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

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, with the exception of assessment numbers 180, 186, 219-224, 232, 332-334.

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
177	1	Blackburn, Edward	Rev. N. Freer Major Galton for 1910	House		Netherwood Farm				9	0	0	7	5	0
177	1	Blackburn, Edward	Rev. N. Freer Major Galton for 1910	Buildings		Netherwood Farm			23	4	10	0	3	10	0
177	1	Blackburn, Edward	Rev. N. Freer Major Galton for 1910	Land		Netherwood Farm	139	0	0	77	5	0	69	10	0
178	2	Bridge, Andrew	Major Galton, Hadzor, Droitwich	Cott. & Garden		Village		1	0	5	0	0	3	15	0
179	3	Canal Company	Major Galton, Hadzor, Droitwich	Wharf		Dunhampstead		2	11	7	0	0	5	5	0
180	3(a)	Canal Company	Canal Company Gas St. B'ham	Canal		Oddingley	11	0	10	22	0	0	21	10	0
181	4	Freer, (Rev) Nigel	Rev N. Freer Galton	Land		Oddingley		3	20	1	10	0	1	10	0
182	4(a)	Freer, (Rev) Nigel	Rev N. Freer	Land		Trench Lane	7	3	28	10	0	0	9	0	0
183	4(b)	Freer, (Rev) Nigel	Rev N. Freer	House & Garden "Keeper's Hut"		Trench Lane		1	34	40	0	0	34	0	0
184	5	Freer, (Rev) Nigel	Major Galton	Orchard		Trench Lane				1	0	0	1	0	0
185	6	Galton, Major	Major Galton	Brickyard		By Canal	3	0	33	3	0	0	2	15	0
186	7	Galton, Major	Major Galton	Land		Trench Lane	1	1	19	2	15	0	2	10	0
187	8	Galton, Major	Major Galton	Land		Wood Leasow	3	0	8	2	0	0	2	15	0

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							A	R	P	£	s	d	£	s	d
188	9	Galton, Major	Major Galton	Woods		Trenches	76	0	11	38	0	0	36	0	0
189	10	Galton, Major	Major Galton	Wasteland		Trench Lane	17	0	0	5	0	0	4	10	0
190	11	Baylis, John	Major Galton	Cott & Garden		Trench Lane		2	4	3	0	0	2	5	0
191	12		Major Galton	Cott & Garden		Trench Lane		1	11	3	0	0	2	5	0
192	13	Hunt, J.	Major Galton (Hadzor, Droitwich	Cott. & Garden		Trench Lane		1	17	1	0	0		15	0
193	14	Turner, George	Major Galton (Hadzor, Droitwich	Cott. & Garden		Trench Lane		1	21	4	10	0	3	10	0
194	15	Woodyatt, Samuel	Major Galton (Hadzor, Droitwich	Cott. & Garden		Village			18	4	5	0	3	5	0
195	16	Greenhill, Henry	Major Galton (Hadzor, Droitwich	Cott. & Garden		Village	1	1	16	5	0	0	3	15	0
196	17	Greenhill, Henry & Others	Major Galton (Hadzor, Droitwich	Land		Allotments	1	3	0	4	10	0	3	10	0
197	18	Ellis, Emma	Major Galton (Hadzor, Droitwich	Cott. & Garden		Village			38	5	0	0	3	15	0
198	19	Jenkins, William	Major Galton (Hadzor, Droitwich	Cott. & Garden		Church Cottages			18	5	0	0	3	15	0
199	20	Bridge, Flora	Major Galton (Hadzor, Droitwich	Cott. & Garden		Church Cottages			18	5	0	0	3	15	0
200	21	Jenkins, William	Major Galton (Hadzor, Droitwich	Cott. & Garden		Church Cottages			20	5	0	0	3	15	0
201	22	Plain, John	Major Galton (Hadzor, Droitwich	Cott. & Garden		Trench Lane		1	10	4	10	0	3	10	0
202	23	Jackson, John	Major Galton (Hadzor, Droitwich	Cott. & Garden		Trench Lane		1	11	4	10	0	3	10	0
203	24	Morgan, Albert	Major Galton (Hadzor, Droitwich	Cott. & Garden		Trench Lane		1	31	7	5	0	5	10	0
204	25	Young, John	Major Galton (Hadzor, Droitwich	Cott. & Garden		Village			31	5	0	0	3	15	0

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							A	R	P	£	s	d	£	s	d
205	26	Jeane, W.	Major Galton (Hadzor, Droitwich	Cott. & Garden		Village			31	5	0	0	3	15	0
206	27	Grizzell, Martin	Messrs Radcliffe ? (Brewers,) Kidderminster	House & Garden		Fir Tree Inn Dunhampstead	1	0	19	18	0	0	15	0	0
207	28	Grizzell, Martin	Major Galton	Smith's Shop		Dunhampstead			1	4	0	0	3	5	0
208	29	Horton, Miss	Major Galton	House & Garden		Dunhampstead		1	0	3	0	0	2	10	0
209	30	Jenkins, William	Major Galton	House		Church Farm				15	0	0	12	0	0
209	30	Jenkins, William	Major Galton	Buildings		Church Farm			6	7	0	0	5	10	0
209	30	Jenkins, William	Major Galton	Land		Church Farm	238	0	0	178	0	0	160	0	0
210	31	Burton, Paul	Major Galton	Pound House		Village				4	15	0	3	10	0
210	31	Burton, Paul	Major Galton	Buildings		Village			20	2	5	0	2	0	0
210	31	Burton, Paul	Major Galton	Land		Village	4	3	0	9	0	0	8	0	0
211	32	Preston, Herbert	Major Galton	House		Park Farm				15	0	0	12	0	0
211	32	Preston, Herbert	Major Galton	Buildings		Park Farm			33	7	0	0	5	10	0
211	32	Preston, Herbert	Major Galton	Land		Park Farm	244	0	0	163	0	0	146	10	0
212	32	Wootton, Chas	Major Galton	Garden		Trench Lane									
213	33	Burford, William	Major Galton	Land		Trench Lane	19	0	32	12	0	0	10	15	0
214	33(a)	Burford, William	Major Galton	Land		Trench Lane	2	3	29	6	0	0	5	10	0
215	34	Jenkins, Thomas	Major Galton	House		Pine Apple Farm				5	0	0	4	0	0
215	34	Jenkins, Thomas	Major Galton	Buildings		Pine Apple Farm			16	3	0	0	2	10	0
215	34	Jenkins, Thomas	Major Galton	Land		Pine Apple Farm	59	2	0	62	0	0	56	0	0
216	35	Hewlett, James	Major Galton	Land		Tibberton Road	1	2	6	1	10	0	1	10	0
217	35a	Jones, Frederick	William Palmer (Wellington Heath, Ledbury)	Land		Village	1	1	30	6	0	0	5	10	0

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							A	R	P	£	s	d	£	s	d
217	35a	Jones, Frederick	William Palmer (Wellington Heath, Ledbury)	Cottage		Village			5	6	0	0	4	10	0
218	36	Wilks, William	Major Galton	Land		Glebe	13	0	19	15	0	0	13	10	0
219	37	Payne, Percy M.	Major Galton M R	Machine House & Land		Dunhampstead			8	7	0	0	5	10	0
220	38	Payne, Percy M.	Midland Railway Co.	Railway 1mi 8ch		Oddingley	10	0	0	953	0	0	858	0	0
221	39	Payne, Percy M.	Midland Railway Co.	Buildings & Sidings connected with Dunhampstead Station		Oddingley			25	23	0	0	18	10	0
222	40	Knight, George	Midland Railway Co.	House & Garden		Station			3	6	0	0	4	10	0
223	41	Knight, George	Midland Railway Co.	Land		By Railway		1	25		10	0		10	0
224	41(a)	Knight, George	Midland Railway Co.	Land		By Railway		2	37	1	10	0	1	5	0
225	41(b)	Knight, George	Major Galton	Land		Dunhampstead		1	22	1	10	0	1	5	0
226	42	Hewlett, James	Mrs. F. Wheelan (14. Durham Rd Sparkhill	Cott. & Garden		Village		2	27	5	0	0	3	15	0
227	43	Need, George	Mrs. C Harris (Allensmore, Hereford	Cott. & Garden		Sale Green			16	4	0	0	3	0	0
228	44	Bullock, George	Mrs. C Harris (Allensmore, Hereford	Cott. & Garden		Sale Green			16	4	0	0	3	0	0
229	45	Gittus, Henry	Mrs. C Harris (Allensmore, Hereford	Cott. & Garden		Sale Green			20	4	0	0	3	0	0
230	46	Price, M. A.	Mrs. C Harris (Allensmore, Hereford	Cott. & Garden		Sale Green			30	4	0	0	3	0	0

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							A	R	P	£	s	d	£	s	d
231	47	(void)	Exors of [...] Wythes (Dunhampstead, D'wich	Cott. & Garden		Trench Lane			28	4	0	0	3	0	0
	48	Postmaster General	Postmaster General	Line of Telegraph		Oddingley			1	3	0	0	2	5	0
232	49	Clarke, Jas.	Canal Company (Gas St B'ham)	Land		By Canal	2	0	7	4	0	0	3	10	0
233 ⁷	50	Morgan, Albert	Major Galton	Land		Trench Lane		1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
	51	Freer Rev. Nigel	Rev. N. Freer (Hadzor D'wich	Tithe		Oddingley				109	0	0	97	0	0
332				Parish Church & Churchyard		By Church Farm									
333		Wootton Mrs.	Major Galton	School-House		Trench Lane									
334		Worcestershire C. C.	Major Galton	School		Trench Lane									

⁷ Note added: Included in No. 203.

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Appendix 5. References to other Land Valuation resources for Oddingley

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

Forms 37

No Forms 37 retained for the parish of Oddingley.

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