

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



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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 1 (Crutch) 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 Hillhampton: it has been taken from the summary book for the Income Tax Parish of Hillhampton which covers the civil parishes of Hillhampton, Great Witley and Shrawley.²

2. The parish of Hillhampton in 1910

Hillhampton was a township forming part of the parish of Great Witley, 11 miles north-west of Worcester and one mile east of Great Witley, on a geology described as ‘Helsby Sandstone Formation’, extending to 794 acres. The resulting soils are freely-draining, slightly-acid loamy soils.³

When the census was carried out in 1911, the population of Hillhampton was 105 (54 males and 51 females): of the 27 properties recorded in the census, 26 were inhabited, and one was uninhabited.⁴ From an agricultural viewpoint in the same year, the total cultivated area of the parish was 486 acres, of which 149 were arable, and 337 acres (69% of the total) were grassland, including 27 acres of orchards. All three agricultural holdings in the parish were tenanted properties. The main arable crops were oats, turnips & swedes, and wheat, whilst the orchards were growing a range of top fruit. With more pasture land than arable, 110 cattle and 172 sheep were kept.⁵

² WAAS: BA 8585/1/52, *Inland Revenue. Valuation Summary book for the parish of Hillhampton, Great Witley, Shrawley, 1909-10.*

³ Kelly's Directory 1912, p. 284. British Geological Survey, *Geology Viewer – Hillhampton, Worcestershire* geologyviewer.bgs.ac.uk [accessed 16 January 2025]; British Geological Survey, *UK Soil Observatory (UKSO) Map Viewer – Hillhampton, Worcestershire* <https://mapapps2.bgs.ac.uk/ukso/home.html> [accessed 16 January 2025].

⁴ TNA: RG78/1077. *1911 Census Enumerator's Summary Books. Worcestershire. Martley. Registration Sub-District: Martley, including Civil Parish, Township or Place: Hillhampton.*

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: Oats, 48; Turnips & Swedes, 24¾; Wheat, 23. Orchard acreages: Apples, 19; Cherries, 7; Pears, 1.

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

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

- Three variations of owner / occupier names, *William Humble Ward*, *Earl of Dudley* and *Lord Dudley* are shown in Appendix 1: the listings in Appendices 2 and 3 show *Dudley*, *Earl of* for all variations;⁶
- Two variations of situation, *The Dingle Farm* and *Dingle Farm* are shown in Appendix 1: the listing in Appendix 4 shows *Dingle Farm* for both of these variations;
- The abbreviation *Gt* shown in Appendix 1 has been standardised to *Great* in Appendix 4;
- The situation *Hillhampton* shown in Appendix 1 has been standardised to *Hillhampton* in Appendix 4;
- The situation *Struclons Heath* shown in Appendix 1 has been standardised to *Structon's Heath* in Appendix 4;⁷
- The situation *Woolstons Lodge* shown in Appendix 1 has been standardised to *Woolstan's Lodge* in Appendix 4.⁸

Of the 39 assessments with owners recorded in the Valuation Summary, 31 were owned by the Earl of Dudley. He was the principal landowner in terms of both the number of assessments (see Table 1) and the acreage owned (see Table 2): he was also lord of the manor of Great Witley.⁹

Table 1: Number of assessments by landowner

Name	No. of assessments
Earl of Dudley	31
James Arthur & Rev. Cecil Jones J. A. & Rev. C. Jones	6
Alice Douglas Holmes	1
Mary Ann Walker	1
TOTAL	39

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

Table 2: Acreage of land by major landowner

Name	Acreage		
	a	r	p
Earl of Dudley	602	2	0
James Arthur & Rev. Cecil Jones J. A. & Rev. C. Jones	179	2	0
Mary Ann Walker		1	0
TOTAL	782	1	0

Those assessments with more than 25 acres of land are listed in Table 3.

⁶ William Humble Ward was the 2nd Earl of Dudley (1867-1932). Pole, A., *Ward, William Humble* in Dictionary of Irish Biography <https://www.dib.ie/biography/ward-william-humble-a8923> [accessed 13 January 2025]. The 1st Earl of Dudley, William Ward had died in 1885.

⁷ Structon's Heath is marked on the 1901 Ordnance Survey 25in to 1 mile plan, Worcestershire Sheet XX 12.

⁸ Woolstan's Lodge is marked on the 1901 Ordnance Survey 25in to 1 mile plan, Worcestershire Sheet XXI 5.

⁹ Kelly's Directory 1912, p. 284.

Table 3: Assessments in excess of 25 acres

Occupier	Situation	Acreage		
		a	r	p
Edward Blackwell	Hillhampton Farm	219	0	0
Richard Colwill	Dingle Farm	166	0	0
James Gilchrist	Woolstans Farm	152	0	0
Robert Albert Proudman	Hill House Farm	118	2	0
Earl of Dudley	Hillhampton	45	1	0
Alexander Farquarson	Heath Farm	26	0	0

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

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.

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
1 ¹⁰	1	Earl of Dudley	William Humble Ward Witley Court	Woods and Pools		Hillhampton	45	1	0	18	0	0	17	0	0
2	2	Earl of Dudley	William Humble Ward Witley Court	Land		Nursery	9	1	0	19	0	0	17	0	0
3	3	Earl of Dudley	William Humble Ward Witley Court	Sewage part of Home Farm		Gt Witley	5	0	0	7	0	0	6	5	0
4 ¹¹	4	Mac Geah Eliza Jane	William Humble Ward Witley Court	Rooms & Stables		Hillhampton House		2	0	10	0	0	8	10	0
5	5	Colwill Richard	William Humble Ward Witley Court	Land		The Dingle Farm	166	0	0	133	0	0	119	15	0
5	6	Colwill Richard	William Humble Ward Witley Court	House & Buildgs		The Dingle Farm	1	2	0	50	0	0	40	0	0
5	7	Spragg Charles	William Humble Ward Witley Court	Cottge & Garn	22	Dingle Farm		1	0	5	0	0	3	15	0
5	8	Bosbury Richard	William Humble Ward Witley Court	Cottge & Garn	23	Dingle Farm		1	0	5	0	0	3	15	0
6	9	Blackwell Edward	William Humble Ward Witley Court	Land		Hillhampton Farm	219	0	0	192	0	0	172	15	0
6	10	Blackwell Edward	William Humble Ward Witley Court	House & Builgs		Hillhampton Farm	1	3	0	65	0	0	52	0	0
6	11-12	Compton George	William Humble Ward Witley Court	Cott & Garn	76	Hillhampton Farm		2	0	5	0	0	3	15	0

¹⁰ William Humble Ward was the 2nd Earl of Dudley (1867-1932). Pole, A., *Ward, William Humble* in Dictionary of Irish Biography <https://www.dib.ie/biography/ward-william-humble-a8923> [accessed 13 January 2025]. The 1st Earl of Dudley, William Ward had died in 1885.

¹¹ In the 1911 Census, Eliza Jane MacGeagh lived at Hillhampton House. TNA: RG14/17601.

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
6	13-14	Combs George	William Humble Ward Witley Court	Cott & Garn	77	Hillhampton Farm		2	0	5	0	0	3	15	0
7	15	Proudman Robert Albert	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Agricultural Land		Hill House Farm	118	2	0	103	0	0	92	15	0
8	16	Proudman Robert Albert	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Sporting						15	0	0	13	0	0
9	17	Penney William	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Cottage &	64	Hillhampton				4	0	0	3	0	0
9	18	Penney William	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Garden				2	0	1	0	0		15	0
10	19	Farquarson Alexander	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Agricultural Land		Heath Farm	26	0	0	32	0	0	28	15	0
10	20	Farquarson Alexander	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	House	75			1	0	10	0	0	8	10	0
11	21	Hardwick Walter	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Cottage	67	Heath Terrace				4	0	0	3	0	0
11	22	Hardwick Walter	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Garden		Heath Terrace		3	0	1	5	0	1	0	0
12	23	Lawrance Walter	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Cottage	24	Hillhampton				5	0	0	3	15	0
12	24	Lawrance Walter	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Garden		Hillhampton		1	0	1	0	0		15	0
13	25	Smith Joseph	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Cottage	78	Hillhampton				3	5	0	2	10	0
13	26	Smith Joseph	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Garden		Hillhampton		1	0		15	0		10	0
14	27	Hill Samuel	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Cottage	70	Heath Terrace				4	0	0	3	0	0
14	28	Hill Samuel	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Garden				3	0	1	5	0	1	0	0
15	29	Mann John	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Cottage	74	Hillhampton				4	10	0	3	10	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
15	30	Mann John	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Garden				3	0	1	0	0		15	0
16	31	Wheildon Joseph	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Cottage	68	Heath Terrace				4	0	0	3	0	0
16	32	Wheildon Joseph	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Garden				3	0	1	5	0	1	0	0
17	33	Hook John	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Cottage	69	Heath Terrace				4	0	0	3	0	0
17	34	Hook John	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Garden				3	0	1	5	0	1	0	0
18	35	Rogers John	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Cottage	72	The Common				5	0	0	3	15	0
18	36	Rogers John	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Garden				3	0	1	0	0		17	0
19	37	Allen John	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Cottage	71	The Common				4	0	0	3	0	0
19	38	Allen John	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Garden				3	0	1	0	0		15	0
20	39	Gillam Jacob Henry	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Cottge. & Garn	25	Hillhampton		1	0	5	10	0	4	5	0
21	40		Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Cottge. & Garn	63	Low Town				4	10	0	3	10	0
22	41	Harding Thomas	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Cottge. & Garn	63 a	Low Town		1	0	4	10	0	3	10	0
23	42	Drew William	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Cottge. & Garn	73	The Common		1	0	5	0	0	3	15	0
24	43	Hook John	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Allotment		The Common		3	0	2	10	0	2	5	0
25	44	Mann John	Earl of Dudley Witley Court	Allotment		The Common		1	0	1	5	0	1	0	0
26	45	Gilchrist James	James Arthur & Rev Cecil Jones Old	Land		Woolstans Farm	152	0	0	56	0	0	50	5	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
			Parsonage Ombersley Joint Owners												
26	46	Gilchrist James	James Arthur & Rev Cecil Jones Old Parsonage Ombersley Joint Owners	House & Buildings		Woolstans Farm		1	0	48	0	0	38	10	0
27 ¹²	47	Jones J. A & Rev C. Jones	James Arthur & Rev Cecil Jones Old Parsonage Ombersley Joint Owners	Woods & Pools		Nutnell	16	0	0	18	0	0	17	0	0
28 ¹³	48	Anderson William	J.A & Rev C Jones	Cottge & Garn		Woolstons Lodge				6	0	0	4	10	0
29	49	Poultney Thomas	J.A & Rev C Jones	Cottge & Garn		Nutnell Cottages		1	0	5	0	0	3	15	0
30	50	Davies George	J.A & Rev C Jones	Cottge & Garn		Nutnell Cottages		1	0	5	0	0	3	15	0
31	51	Carter J. George	J.A & Rev C Jones	Land		Hill Top	10	3	0	6	10	0	5	15	0
¹⁴	52	Wilson Rev R. A	Wilson Rev R. A	Tithe		Hillhampton				117	0	0	96	10	0
	53	Surveyor of Taxes	Wilson Rev R. A	Tithe		Hillhampton									
32	54	Hill Frederick	Mary Ann Walker	Cottage		Low Town		1	0	4	10	0	3	10	0
32	55	Bonall Henry	Mary Ann Walker	Garden		Low Town				1	0	0		15	0
33 ¹⁵	56	Douglas A. H.	Douglas Alice Holmes Le Nid Cottage Hillhampton	Cottge & Garn		Struclons Heath				3	10	0	2	10	0

¹² Lower Nutnell Pool and Upper Nutnell Pool are marked on the 1901 Ordnance Survey 25in to 1 mile plan, Worcestershire Sheet XXI 5: Nutnell Belt is marked on Sheet XXI 9.

¹³ Woolstan's Lodge is marked on the 1901 Ordnance Survey 25in to 1 mile plan, Worcestershire Sheet XXI 5.

¹⁴ Items such as Tithes, Telephone Lines etc. often were not allocated an Assessment Number as is the case for this, and the following, entry: these entries do not appear in the indexes in Appendices 2, 3 and 4.

¹⁵ Struclon's Heath is marked on the 1901 Ordnance Survey 25in to 1 mile plan, Worcestershire Sheet XX 12.

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
269		Blackwell	Lord Dudley	Cottage Hillhampton		Hillhampton Farm									
271		Blackwell	Lord Dudley	Cottage Hillhampton		Hillhampton Farm									
273		Colwill	Lord Dudley	Cottage Hillhampton		Dingle Farm									
274		Colwill	Lord Dudley	Cottage Hillhampton		Dingle Farm									
276 ¹⁶		Farquarson A	Lord Dudley	Land											
277 ¹⁷		Farquarson A	Lord Dudley	Land											

¹⁶ Note added: Included in Return 10.

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Appendix 5. References to other Land Valuation resources for Hillhampton

TNA – The National Archives, Kew

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

Forms 37

WAAS: 009:5 BA 8585/23 *Forms 37 – Land, Hanbury, Hindlip, Hillhampton, Harvington, Himbleton, 1910-15.*

Field Books

TNA: IR58/93538, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Field Books. Worcester. Hillhampton. Assessment No. 1-100, 1910.*

TNA: IR58/93540, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Field Books. Worcester. Hillhampton. Assessment No. 201-291, 1910.*

Record Maps

TNA: IR129/3/687, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Record Sheet Plans. West Midland Region: Hereford and Worcester District. OS Sheet Reference: Worcestershire XX 8, 1910.*

TNA: IR129/3/691, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Record Sheet Plans. West Midland Region: Hereford and Worcester District. OS Sheet Reference: Worcestershire XX 12, 1910.*

TNA: IR129/3/699, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Record Sheet Plans. West Midland Region: Hereford and Worcester District. OS Sheet Reference: Worcestershire XXI 5, 1910.*

TNA: IR129/3/703, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Record Sheet Plans. West Midland Region: Hereford and Worcester District. OS Sheet Reference: Worcestershire XXI 9, 1910.*

TNA: IR129/3/707, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Record Sheet Plans. West Midland Region: Hereford and Worcester District. OS Sheet Reference: Worcestershire XXI 13, 1910.*