Data from the 1910 Land Valuation Survey for the parish of Hanley Child



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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);
- 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

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

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 Hanley Child: it has been taken from the summary book for the Income Tax Parish of Eastham which covers the civil parishes of Eastham, Hanley Child, Hanley William and Orleton.[2]

2. The parish of Hanley Child in 1910

The parish is located 3 miles south-west from Eastham on a geology described as 'Moor Cliffs Formation – siltstone and mudstone interbedded' to the north and west of the village, 'Freshwater West Formation – interbedded argillaceous rocks and sandstone' to the south, with small areas of 'Bishop's Frome Limestone Member – Calcrete' between the two, extending to 1,191 acres. The resulting soils are almost wholly slightly-acid loamy and clayey soils with impeded drainage.[3] When the census was carried out in 1911, the population of Hanley Child was 169 (84 males and 85 females): of the 46 properties recorded in the census, 39 were inhabited, five were uninhabited, and two 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 1,104¼ acres, of which 176¼ were arable, and 928 acres (84% of the total) were grassland, including 94¾ acres of orchards. All of the 19 agricultural holdings in the parish were tenanted properties. The main arable crops were wheat, oats, turnips & swedes, hops, beans, and barley. Orchards were growing mainly apples. With more pasture land than arable, 262 cattle and 607 sheep were kept.[5]

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[2] WAAS: BA 8585/1/130, *Inland Revenue. Valuation Summary book for the parish of Eastham, Hanley Child, Hanley William, Orleton, 1909-10*.
[3] Kelly's Directory 1912, pp. 137-138. British Geological Survey, *Geology Viewer app – Hanley Child, Worcestershire* [accessed 27 October 2025]; British Geological Survey, *UK Soil Observatory (UKSO) app, Soilscapes for England and Wales – Hanley Child*, *Worcestershire* [accessed 27 October 2025].
[4] TNA: RG78/1076. *1911 Census Enumerator's Summary Books. Worcestershire. Tenbury. Registration Sub-District: Tenbury, including Civil Parish, Township or Place: Hanley Child*.
[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, 44½; Oats 42½; Turnips & Swedes, 19½; Hops, 19½; Beans, 14½; Barley, 14½. Orchard acreages: Apples, 79¾; Pears, 7½; Plums, 2½; Cherries, 2; Other kinds, 3.

3. Land and property in 1910 in the parish of Hanley Child

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

- Two variations of owner name, *Ecclesiastical Commrs* and *Eccles Commissioners,* are shown in Appendix 1. The listing in Appendix 2 shows *Ecclesiastical Commissioners* for both variations;
- Two variations of owner name, *Hooper Wm* and *Hooper William*, are shown in Appendix 1. The listing in Appendix 2 shows *Hooper, William* for both variations;
- Two variations of occupier name, *Gregg Charles* and *Gregg Chas*, are shown in Appendix 1. The listing in Appendix 3 shows *Gregg, Charles* for both variations;
- Two variations of occupier name, *Webb Thomas* and *Webb Thos*, are shown in Appendix 1. The listing in Appendix 3 shows *Webb, Thomas* for both variations.

Of the 68 assessments with owners recorded in the Valuation Summary, there was no major overall landowner in terms of the numbers of assessments held, as shown in Table 1. However, in terms of acreage, the trustees of (Rev.) E. G. B. Childe owned 57% of the parish acreage: see Table 2.

Table 1: Number of assessments by landowner

Name	No. of assessments
H. A. W. Newport	7
E. G. B. Childe, Trustees Rev. E. G. B. Childe, Trustees	6
Ecclesiastical Commissioners	5
36 others with 3 or less assessments	50
Not stated	3
TOTAL	71

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
E. G. B. Childe, Trustees Rev. E. G. B. Childe, Trustees	655	1	0
H. A. W. Newport	203	2	0
Thos. Powis James	58	2	0
Ecclesiastical Commissioners	50	1	0
6 others with between 10 and 50 acres each	136	2	0
23 others with less than 10 acres each	36	3	0
TOTAL	1140	3	0

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

Table 3: Assessments in excess of 25 acres

Occupier	Situation	Acreage		
		a	r	p
Henry Dorrell	The Fulhams	284	3	0
Isaac Morris	Court House	260	3	0
Edward Owen	The Hill Farm	187	3	0

Occupier	Situation	Acreage		
		a	r	p
Arthur Powis	The Town Farm	58	2	0
Wm. Harris	Stretches	50	0	0
Geo. Bonner	Holly Wall & Broadheath	47	0	0
Thos. Webb	Cheveridge	44	3	0
Richard Meeks	Chaplin Valley	40	2	0
Emmanuel Norton	New Grove	38	0	0

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

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. It has not been possible to determine the correct parish allocation for Assessment Number 228. The owner is stated as Eccles[iastical] Commissioners, the description is given as land and the Estimated Extent is 1a 3r 38p.
3. It has not been possible to determine the correct parish allocation for Assessment Number 241: it could be either Hanley Child or Hanley William. The owner is stated as Southam & Co., the description is given as Common Land, the situation as Broadheath, and the Estimated Extent as 1a 1r 11p.

							Estimated extent			Gross annual value			Rateable value		
No. of assessment	**No. of Poor Rate**	**Occupier**	**Owner and residence**	**Description**	**No**	**Situation**	**A**	**R**	**P**	**£**	**s**	**d**	**£**	**s**	**d**
90	1	Barrett Wm.	Barrett Wm. Hanley Child Tenbury	Cottage & Garden		Crossway				5	0	0	4	0	0
[6]	2	Lea Rev E. E.	Lea Rev E. E. Eastham Tenbury	Rectorial Tithes		Hanley Child				89	15	0	37	10	0
	2a	Collector of Taxes	Lea Rev E. E. Eastham Tenbury	Rectorial Tithes		Hanley Child							37	10	0
91	3	Bonnor George	Ecclesiastical Commrs	Land		Holly Wall	1	3	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
92	4	Morris Isaac	Lea Rev. E. E.	Land		Old Parsonage	13	2	0	13	0	0	12	15	0
93	4a	Harris Wm	Lea Rev. E. E. Caldicott Rev C. B.	Land		Old Parsonage	10	1	0	7	0	0	6	15	0
94	5	Morris Isaac	Lea Rev. E. E. Lea Rev E E	Buildings &c.		Old Parsonage				4	0	0	3	5	0
95	6	Benbow Mary A	Eccles Commissioners	Land		Broadheath	1	2	0	1	15	0	1	15	0
96	7	Childe E. G. B. (trustees)	Childe E. G. B (trustees) Kyre House Tenbury	Woods		Kyre Pool & Ridge Coppice	13	2	0	8	6	0	8	0	0
97	8	Dorrell Henry	Childe E. G. B (trustees) Kyre House Tenbury	Land		The Fulhams	284	3	0	150	0	0	146	5	0

[6] Items such as Tithes, Telegraph Wires, Drainage etc. were often not allocated an Assessment Number, as is the case here, and therefore will not appear in the indexes in Appendices 2, 3 and 4.

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97	9	Dorrell Henry	Childe E. G. B (trustees) Kyre House Tenbury	House &c.		The Fulhams				30	0	0	24	0	0
98	10	Harris Wm.	Childe E. G. B (trustees) Kyre House Tenbury	Land		Stoneyford	7	3	0	7	0	0	6	17	0
98	11	Harris Wm.	Childe E. G. B (trustees) Kyre House Tenbury	House		Stoneyford				5	0	0	4	0	0
99	12	Morris Isaac	Childe E. G. B. trustees	Land		Court House	260	3	0	100	0	0	97	10	0
99	13	Morris Isaac	Childe E. G. B. trustees	House		Court House				20	0	0	16	0	0
100	14	Harris Wm.	Childe Rev E G. B trustees	Land		Stretches	50	0	0	29	0	0	28	5	0
101	15	Norton Emmanuel	Childe Rev E G. B trustees	Land		New Grove	38	0	0	21	0	0	20	10	0
101	16 - 17	Norton Emmanuel	Childe Rev E G. B trustees	Buildings		New Grove		2	0	10	5	0	8	5	0
102	18	Graves George	Cooke Thomas	Land		Woodstock Bower	4	1	0	5	0	0	4	17	0
102	19	Graves George	Cooke Thomas	House		Woodstock Bower				7	0	0	5	15	0
103	20	Benbow Mary A	Cooke Thomas	Land		Broadheath					7	0		7	0
104	21	Nash George	Clifton Thos. Broadheath Tenbury	Land		Broadheath		1	0		10	0		10	0
105	21a	Void	Davis Miss 68 Sandford Road Moseley Bham	Land		Broadheath		1	0		10	0		10	0
106	22	Marston Jno.	Davis Miss 68 Sandford Road Moseley Bham	Cottage & Garden		Broadheath				4	0	0	3	5	0
107	22a	Pugh Wm.	Clifton Thos.	Cottage & Garden		Broadheath				4	0	0	3	5	0
108	23	Turner	Dorrell Henry The Fulhams Tenbury	Land		In hedge	1	3	0	3	0	0	2	17	0
108	24	Turner	Dorrell Henry The Fulhams Tenbury	House						3	0	0	2	10	0

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109	25	Element Edward	Dorrell Henry	House		In hedge				3	0	0	2	10	0
110	26	Nott Henry	~~Dorrell Mrs Mary~~ Harris Jessie Annie Church House Clifton Worcester	Land		Hanley Mill	5	3	0	5	0	0	4	17	0
110	27	Nott Henry	~~Dorrell Mrs Mary~~ Harris Jessie Annie Church House Clifton Worcester	House		Hanley Mill				5	0	0	4	0	0
111	28	Bonner Geo.	Ecclesiastical Commrs	Land		Holly Wall & Broadheath	47	0	0	19	10	0	19	0	0
111	29	Bonner Geo.	Ecclesiastical Commrs	Buildings		Holly Wall & Broadheath				3	0	0	2	10	0
112	30	Abbotts Robert	Ecclesiastical Commrs	Cottage		Holly Wall & Broadheath				3	0	0	2	10	0
113	31	Void	Ecclesiastical Commrs	Cottage		Holly Wall & Broadheath				3	0	0	2	10	0
114	32	Gregg Chas	Goode Edmund Swan Inn Mostyn South Wales	Land		Broadheath	3	0	0	3	0	0	2	17	0
114	33	Gregg Chas	Goode Edmund Swan Inn Mostyn South Wales	House		Broadheath				10	0	0	8	10	0
115	34	Void	Dobbs Fredk.	Cottage		Pauncefords		2	0	2	10	0	2	10	0
116	35	Dobbs Fredk.	Dobbs Fredk.	Land		Pauncefords		2	0	2	10	0	2	0	0
117	36	Gregg Charles	Hooper ~~Geo (trustees)~~ Wm (Mile Stone Cottage (Clifton-on-Teme)	Cottage & Garden		Broadheath		1	0	3	15	0	3	0	0
118	36a	Hooper Emma	Hooper ~~Geo (trustees)~~ Wm (Mile Stone Cottage (Clifton-on-Teme)	Cottage & Garden		Broadheath		1	0	3	15	0	3	0	0
119	37	Field Thos.	Hooper Jno. Hanley Child Tenbury	Cottage & Garden		Broadheath		1	0	2	10	0	2	0	0
120	37a	Darke Jno.	Hooper Jno. Hanley Child Tenbury	Cottage & Garden		Broadheath		1	0	2	10	0	2	0	0

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121	38	Drew	Davis Mrs.	Land		Broadheath	12	2	0	7	10	0	7	5	0
122	39	Ralph Wm.	Norris Wm A S Miles, Solicitor Tenbury	House & Land		Ivy House	1	0	0	4	0	0	3	5	0
123	40	Jones James	Norris W	Cottage		Ivy House				3	0	0	2	10	0
124	41	Meeks Richard	~~Hyde, Chas (trustees)~~ Boddington C S Agent Ham Castle Worcester	Land		Chaplin Valley	40	2	0	41	0	0	40	0	0
124	42	Meeks Richard	~~Hyde, Chas (trustees)~~ Boddington C S Agent Ham Castle Worcester	House		Chaplin Valley				14	0	0	11	5	0
125	43	Hooper Jno.	Hanley Child Parish Land Overseers	Land		Broadheath		2	0	2	5	0	2	5	0
126	44	Moore Wm.	Hanley Child Parish Land Overseers	Land		Broadheath		2	0	1	10	0	1	10	0
127	45	Hooper Jno.	Hooper Jno.	Land		Broadheath	2	3	0	6	0	0	5	17	0
127	46	Hooper Jno.	Hooper Jno.	House		Broadheath				6	0	0	4	15	0
128	47-48	Merrick Samuel	Merrick Samuel	Land		Oozle Brook	1	2	0	3	0	0	3	0	0
129	49-50	Lawley Thomas	Lawley Thomas	Cottage & Garden		Broadheath		2	0	6	0	0	4	15	0
130	51	Waterhouse Jno.	Wainwright Chas.	Cottage & Garden		Broadheath		1	0	2	10	0	2	0	0
131	52	Moore Wm.	Newport H. A. W	Land		Broadheath	4	3	0	5	10	0	5	7	0
131	53	Moore Wm.	Newport H. A. W	House		Broadheath				4	0	0	3	5	0
132	54	Roberts	Newport H. A. W	Land		Broadheath	7	2	0	11	0	0	10	15	0
132	55	Roberts	Newport H. A. W	House		Broadheath				7	0	0	5	15	0
133	56	Owen Edward	Newport H. A. W	Land		The Hill Farm	187	3	0	77	0	0	75	0	0
133	57	Owen Edward	Newport H. A. W	House		The Hill Farm				17	0	0	13	10	0
134	57a	Wilson James	Newport H. A. W	Cottage		The Hill Farm				3	0	0	2	10	0

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135	58	Newport H. A. W	Newport H. A. W	Right of Sporting over 196 acres						5	0	0	4	17	0
136	59	Wainwright Chas	Newport H. A. W	Land		Broadheath	1	1	0	1	5	0	1	5	0
137	60	Yarnold Henry	Newport H. A. W	Land		Broadheath	2	1	0	1	10	0	1	10	0
138	61-62	Yarranton Wm.	Pearce Thos (trustees of)	Cottage & Garden		Pound House		2	0	5	0	0	4	0	0
139	63	Benbow Mary A.	Southam & Son. Official Recvr., Shrewsbury	House & Land		Bell Inn		3	0	18	0	0	15	5	0
140	64	James Charles	Southam & Son. Official Recvr., Shrewsbury	Cottage & Garden		Broadheath				6	0	0	4	15	0
141	65	Smith William	Smith William	Land		Broadheath		2	0	1	5	0	1	5	0
142	66	Webb Thomas	Spilsbury Miss	Land		New House	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
143	67	Bruton Fredk.	Spilsbury Miss	House		New House				5	0	0	4	0	0
144	68	Webb Thos.	Spilsbury Thos Hall Place Pencombe Worcester	Land		Cheveridge	44	3	0	33	0	0	32	5	0
144	69	Webb Thos.	Spilsbury Thos Hall Place Pencombe Worcester	House		Cheveridge				17	0	0	13	10	0
145	70	Hooper William	Hooper William	Land		Broadheath	2	3	0	2	10	0	2	10	0
146	71	Jones Jos.	Spilsbury Jno	Land		Lower Villa	3	3	0	7	0	0	6	15	0
146	72	Jones Jos.	Spilsbury Jno	House		Lower Villa				7	0	0	5	15	0
147	73	Powis Arthur	Powis James Thos.	Land		The Town Farm	58	2	0	53	0	0	31	15	0
147	74	Powis Arthur	Powis James Thos.	House		The Town Farm				12	0	0	9	12	0
148	74a	Spilsbury Wm.	Spilsbury Wm.	Land		Part of The Town Farm							13	0	0
149	74b	Webb Thos	Hargreaves Mrs	Land		Part of The Town Farm							7	0	0
150	75	Welch Geo.	Welch Geo.	Land		Upper Villa	12	0	0	15	0	0	14	12	0

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150	76	Welch Geo.	Welch Geo.	House		Upper Villa				10	0	0	8	0	0
151	77	Weaver Mary	Weaver Mary Norris & Miles	Land		Creeks Mill	3	0	0	4	0	0	3	17	0
151	78	Weaver Mary	Weaver Mary Norris & Miles	House		Creeks Mill				3	0	0	2	10	0
152	79	Rev C B Caldicott	~~Lea Rev E. E.~~ Caldicott Rev C B.	House		Broadheath Parsonage				30	0	0	25	10	0
152a	80	Rev C B Caldicott	~~Lea Rev E. E.~~ Caldicott Rev C B.	Land		Broadheath Parsonage	3	0	0	3	0	0	2	17	0
231				Hanley Child Church											
232			H. Dorrell Esq. The Fulhams, Tenbury	2 Pasture Orchards		Hanley Child									
~~236~~				~~Hanley Child Church~~											
237			F. C. B. Childe (Mrs)	Pasture Field		The Oaks, Chaplin Valley, Hanley Child									
238			R. J. Meeks. Hickerills Farm, Eastham	Pasture (Now Arable)		Near Creeks Mill Hanley Child									
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