Data from the 1910 Land Valuation Survey for the parish of Kyre Parva



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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 Kyre Parva: it has been taken from the summary book for the Income Tax Parish of Bockleton which covers the civil parishes of Bockleton, Kyre Magna, and Kyre Parva.[2]

2. The parish of Kyre Parva in 1910

The parish is located 5 miles north-west of Bromyard on a geology described as 'Moors Cliff Formation – siltstone and mudstone, interbedded', extending to 900 acres. The resulting soils are a mixture of freely-draining, slightly-acid loamy soils, and slightly-acid loamy and clayey soils with impeded drainage.[3] When the census was carried out in 1911, the population of Kyre Parva was 107 (65 males and 42 females): of the 25 properties recorded in the census, all were inhabited.[4]

From an agricultural viewpoint in the same year, the total cultivated area of the parish was 1,251½ acres, of which 314 were arable, and 937½ acres (75% of the total) were grassland. This included 133½ acres of orchards, all of which were counted under permanent grassland, with a further 74 acres of soft fruit were being grown. Of the 17 agricultural holdings in the parish, 14 were tenanted properties covering 1,156 acres (93% of the total). The main arable crops were wheat, oats, barley, and turnips & swedes. Orchards were growing mainly apples. With more pasture land than arable, 308 cattle and 473 sheep were kept.[5]

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[2] WAAS: BA 8585/1/129, *Inland Revenue. Valuation Summary book for the parish of Bockleton, Kyre Magna, Kyre Parva, 1909-10*.

[3] Kelly's Directory 1912, p. 246. British Geological Survey, *Geology Viewer app – Kyre Parva, Worcestershire* [accessed 6 October 2025]; British Geological Survey, *UK Soil Observatory (UKSO) app, Soilscapes for England and Wales – Kyre Parva*, *Worcestershire* [accessed 6 October 2025].

[4] TNA: RG78/1076. *1911 Census Enumerator's Summary Books. Worcestershire. Tenbury. Registration Sub-District: Tenbury, including Civil Parish, Township or Place: Kyre Parva*.

[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, 71; Oats 45¼; Barley, 43; Turnips & Swedes, 33¼. Orchard acreages: Apples, 109; Pears, 7; Cherries, 4; Plums, 1; Other kinds, 12½. Soft fruit acreages: Currants & Gooseberries, 62½; Raspberries, 7¼; Strawberries, 4; Other kinds, ¼.

3. Land and property in 1910 in the parish of Kyre Parva

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

- The abbreviation *Vd* shown in Appendix 1 has been standardised to *Void* in Appendix 3;
- Two variations of situation, *Bannals* and *Bannalls* are shown in Appendix 1: the listing in Appendix 4 shows *Bannalls* for both variations;[6]
- Two variations of situation, *Horsley* and *Hursley* are shown in Appendix 1: the listing in Appendix 4 shows *Hursley* for both variations;[7]
- The situation *Apple Croft* shown in Appendix 1 has been standardised to *Apple Cross* in Appendix 4;[8]
- The abbreviation *St* shown in Appendix 1 has been standardised to *Street* in Appendix 4.

Of the 43 assessments with owners recorded in the Valuation Summary, 24 were owned by Mrs. Frances Christina Baldwyn-Childe who was lady of the manor.[9] She also owned the majority of the land in the parish: see Table 2.

Table 1: Number of assessments by landowner

Name	No. of assessments
F. C. B. Childe	24
Rev. J. T. Butlin	7
Wm. Smith	5
6 others with 1 or 2 assessments each	7
TOTAL	43

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
F. C. B. Childe	698	3	31
5 others with between 10 and 100 acres each	190	0	11
4 others with less than 10 acres each	10	2	16
TOTAL	899	2	18

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

[6] The locations *Bannall's Farm* and *Little Bannalls* in the parish of Kyre Parva are shown on the 1902 edition of the 25 inch to one mile Ordnance Survey map sheet Worcestershire XIX 15.

[7] The location *Hursley Farm* in the parish of Kyre Parva is shown on the 1902 edition of the 25 inch to one mile Ordnance Survey map sheet Worcestershire XIX 15.

[8] The location *Apple Cross* in the parish of Kyre Parva is shown on the 1902 edition of the 25 inch to one mile Ordnance Survey map sheet Worcestershire XIX 15.

[9] Kellys Directory 1912, p.246. The National Archives, *Baldwyn-Childe, Frances Christina (d. 1930), local historian* https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/c/F69835 [accessed 5 January 2026].

Table 3: Assessments in excess of 25 acres

Occupier	Situation	Acreage		
		a	r	p
Thos. Cooper	Hill Farm	233	0	28
Wm. Owen	Grove Farm	174	0	0
Wm. & Ed. Delaney	Bannalls Farm	126	0	17
Geo. Reynolds	Pensons Farm	92	3	20
Henry Pound	Hursley	52	2	36
Saml. Morris	Grit Hill	33	1	17

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

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.

							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**
99	1	Butlin Rev J. T.	Rev J T Butlin The Rectory, Stoke Bliss, Tenbury	Land		Glebe	5	0	5	5	0	0	4	17	6
100	2	Tyler Geo.	J. W. Bevan Cross St Tenbury	Land		Little Bannalls	12	3	21	11	0	0	10	15	0
100	2a	Tyler Geo.	J. W. Bevan Cross St Tenbury	House		Little Bannalls				5	0	0	4	0	0
101	3	Jenkins Thos.	F. C. B. Childe	Cottage & Gdn		Bank St		1	18	3	0	0	2	7	6
102	4	Bache James	Wm. Smith Easton Court Farm Little Hereford Tenbury	Land		Apple Croft	24	0	15	16	0	0	15	12	6
102	4a	Bache James	Wm. Smith Easton Court Farm Little Hereford Tenbury	House		Apple Croft				9	0	0	7	5	0
103	5+8	Owen Wm.	F. C B Childe	Land		Grove Farm	174	0	0	116	0	0	113	0	0
103	5a	Owen Wm.	F. C B Childe	House		Grove Farm				35	0	0	28	0	0
104[10]	9	Owen Wm.	Butlin Rev J. T.	Land		Glebe on Grove	1	1	0	1	10	0	1	10	0
105	5b	Hughes Geo	F. C. B. Childe	Cottage & Gdn		Flint House		1	19	3	0	0	2	7	6
106	5c	Hughes Geo	F. C. B. Childe	Land		Part Grove Farm	4	3	24	5	0	0	4	17	6
107	37c	Hughes Geo	F. C. B. Childe	Land		Part of Bannals	7	1	32	3	12	6	3	10	0
108	5c	Powles Peter	F. C. B. Childe	Land		Part Grove Farm	4	3	24	9	0	0	8	15	0
109	56	Childe F C. B.	F. C. B. Childe	Coppice Land		Part Grove Farm	6	1	30	3	0	0	3	0	0

[10] Note added in Owner column: as Asst 99.

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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**
110	6	Childe F C. B.	F. C. B. Childe	Land		Part of Bannalls	13	2	16	12	0	0	11	15	0
111	7	Childe F C. B.	F. C. B. Childe	Land		Part of Pensons	4	2	30	4	0	0	3	17	6
112[11]	5a	Postans Wm.	F. C. B. Childe	Land		Part of Grove Farm	1	2	0						
112	29	Postans Wm.	F. C. B. Childe	Land		Poke House	8	2	20						
112	29a	Postans Wm.	F. C. B. Childe	House		Poke House				8	0	0	6	7	6
113	10	Harris Richd	F. C. B. Childe	House & Gdn		Lane House		1	4	6	10	0	5	5	0
114[12]	11	Ford Geo. H.	Butlin Rev J. T.	Land		Glebe	19	3	0	17	0	0	16	10	0
115	12	Postans Martha	F. C. B. Childe	House & Garden		Bank St			8	2	10	0	2	0	0
115	16	Postans Martha	F. C. B. Childe	House & Garden		Bank St			8	2	10	0	2	0	0
116	13	Cooper Thos.	F. C. B. Childe	Land		Hill Farm	233	0	28	165	0	0	160	17	6
116	13a	Cooper Thos.	F. C. B. Childe	House		Hill Farm				24	0	0	19	5	0
116	13b	Edwards Geo.	F. C. B. Childe	House & Garden		Hill Farm		1	37	3	0	0	2	7	6
117[13]	14	Cooper Thos	Rev J. T. Butlin	Land		Glebe on Hall	7	0	25	7	0	0	6	17	6
118	15	Dallow Wm.	F. C. B. Childe	House & Gdn		Bank St		1	32	3	10	0	2	15	0
119	17	Morris Saml.	Samuel Morris Grit Hill Farm Tenbury	Land		Grit Hill	33	1	17	19	10	0	19	0	0
119	18	Morris Saml.	Samuel Morris Grit Hill Farm Tenbury	House		Grit Hill				8	0	0	6	7	6
120[14]	19	Taylor Wm.	Wm. Taylor	Land		The Collins	19	2	33	23	0	0	22	7	6
121	20	King Jno	F. C. B Childe	Land		Juniper Hill	3	2	22	2	10	0	2	7	6

[11] For this entry and the following entry, combined values for Gross Annual Value of £15 and Rateable Value of £14 12s 6d are given.
[12] Note added in Owner column: as Asst 99.
[13] Note added in Owner column: as Asst 99.
[14] Note added in Owner column: as Asst 130.

							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**
122	21	Reynolds Geo.	F. C. B Childe	Land		Pensons Farm	92	3	20	41	0	0	40	0	0
122	22	Reynolds Geo.	F. C. B Childe	House		Pensons Farm				12	0	0	9	12	6
123[15]	23	Reynolds Geo.	Rev J. T. Butlin	Land		Glebe on Pensons	2	3	5	2	0	0	2	0	0
124[16]	24	Pound Henry	Wm Smith	Land		Horsley	52	2	36	36	0	0	35	0	0
124[17]	24a	Pound Henry	Wm Smith	House		Horsley				17	0	0	13	12	6
125[18]	25	Ford G. H.	Rev J. T. Butlin	Land		Glebe on Hursley		2	9		10	0		10	0
126	26	Walker James	F. C B Childe	Land		Dog Kennels	6	2	11	7	0	0	6	17	6
126	26a	Walker James	F. C B Childe	House		Dog Kennels				5	0	0	4	0	0
127	27	James Jos.	F. C B Childe	House & Gdn		Fridays Acre		2	17	4	10	0	3	12	6
128	28	Perkins Geo.	F. C B Childe	House & Gdn		Coppice House		2	36	4	10	0	3	12	6
129	30	Potter James	F. C B Childe	House & Gdn		Old Toll House		1	17	4	0	0	3	5	0
130[19]	31	Speke Edwin	Wm Taylor Crow Inn Tenbury	Land		Worcestershire Arms	1	1	11				4	17	6
130	31a	Speke Edwin	Wm Taylor Crow Inn Tenbury	House		Worcestershire Arms							12	15	0
131	32	Vd	Thos Cooper The Hall, Kyre Parva	House & Gdn		Bank St			34	4	0	0	3	5	0
132	33	Powles Peter	Mrs Hyde c/o Mr R. C. Boddington Hone Castle Nr Worcester	Land		Kyre Parva	3	1	31	2	10	0	2	7	6
133	34	Haywood Tom	F. C. B. Childe	Land		Seftons	4	2	16	8	0	0	7	15	0
133	34a	Haywood Tom	F. C. B. Childe	House		Seftons				6	0	0	4	15	0

[15] Note added in Owner column: as Asst 99.
[16] Note added in Owner column: as Asst 102.
[17] Note added in Owner column: as Asst 102.
[18] Note added in Owner column: as Asst 99.
[19] Both entries for Assessment Number 130 are bracketed together and a combined Gross Annual Value of £20 is given.

							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**
134[20]	35	Turner Philip	Wm Smith	Land		Copy House	3	2	24	6	0	0	5	17	6
134[21]	35a	Turner Philip	Wm Smith	House		Copy House				4	0	0	3	5	0
135	36	~~Cownley Jas~~ Wm. M. Owen Stoke Bliss	Jos Smith decd Broadheath Tenbury per J. Davis, Solr, Tenbury	Land		Sweet Green	5	0	10	5	10	0	5	7	6
136	37	Delaney Wm & Ed	F. C. B. Childe	Land		Bannalls Farm	126	0	17	56	7	6	55	0	0
136	37a	Delaney Wm & Ed	F. C. B. Childe	House		Bannalls Farm				25	0	0	20	0	0
137	37B	Millward	F. C. B. Childe	House & Garden		Gargrove		1	14	3	0	0	2	7	6
138[22]	38	Smith Wm.	Wm Smith	Land		Part of Hursley	5	2	10	5	0	0	4	17	6
139[23]	39	Smith Chas.	Wm Smith	House & Gdn		The Cabin		1	0	2	10	0	2	0	0
140	40	Jones Thos.	F. C. B Childe	Land		Knapps Knowles	1	3	11	2	10	0	2	7	6
140	40a	Jones Thos.	F. C. B Childe	House		Knapps Knowles				3	10	0	2	17	6
141	41	Griffiths Wm.	Dudley Edward Glenburnie Combe Down Bath	Land		Meredith	1	3	21	3	0	0	2	7	6
141	41a	Griffiths Wm.	Dudley Edward Glenburnie Combe Down Bath	House		Meredith				5	0	0	4	0	0
[24]	41a	Butlin Rev J. T.	Rev J. T. Butlin	Tithe Rent Charge		Kyre Parva				103	0	0	84	0	0

[20] Note added in Owner column: as Asst 102.
[21] Note added in Owner column: as Asst 102.
[22] Note added in Owner column: as Asst 102.
[23] Note added in Owner column: as Asst 102.
[24] Entries for Tithe Rent Charge were often not assigned an Assessment Number, as in this case.

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Appendix 5. References to other Land Valuation resources for Kyre Parva

TNA – The National Archives, Kew

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

Forms 37

No Forms 37 exist for Kyre Parva.

Field Books

TNA: IR58/61144, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Field Books. North Worcestershire, Bockleton Assessment No. 1-100, 1910.*

TNA: IR58/61145, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Field Books. North Worcestershire, Bockleton Assessment No. 101-158, 1910.*

Record Maps

TNA: IR129/3/678, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Record Sheet Plans. West Midland Region: Hereford and Worcester District. OS Sheet Reference: Worcestershire XIX 15, 1910.*

TNA: IR129/3/728, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Record Sheet Plans. West Midland Region: Hereford and Worcester District. OS Sheet Reference: Worcestershire XXV1 3, 1910.*

TNA: IR129/3/732, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Record Sheet Plans. West Midland Region: Hereford and Worcester District. OS Sheet Reference: Worcestershire XXV1 7, 1910.*