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



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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 Orleton: 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 Orleton in 1910

The parish is located 3 miles east from Eastham on a geology described as 'Freshwater West Formation – Interbedded argillaceous rocks and sandstone', extending to 537 acres. The resulting soils are primarily slightly-acid loamy and clayey soils with impeded drainage, with some freely-draining floodplain soils.[3]

When the census was carried out in 1911, the population of Orleton was 64 (34 males and 30 females): of the 21 properties recorded in the census, 18 were inhabited, two were uninhabited, and one was classed as a 'building not used as dwelling'.[4]

In 1911, there were no separate agricultural statistics for the parish of Orleton. However, in the neighbouring parish of Stanford[-on-Teme], grassland accounted for 80% of the total parish acreage (960½ acres) with orchards (134¾ acres) and hops (54 acres) representing the major cropping acreages, whilst the main arable crops were wheat, beans and oats.[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, p. 102. British Geological Survey, *Geology Viewer app – Orleton, Worcestershire* [accessed 27 October 2025]; British Geological Survey, *UK Soil Observatory (UKSO) app, Soilscapes for England and Wales, Orleton*, *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: Orleton.*
[5] TNA: MAF68/2489*, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and predecessors: Statistics Divisions: Parish Summaries of Agricultural Returns. Worcestershire, 1911*. Whilst there is no record for the parish of Orleton in the 1911 Agricultural Statistics, there is a record for the adjacent parish of Stanford. Further, when the 1941 National Farm Survey was carried out, one of the parishes in the survey was Stanford with Orleton (TNA: MAF32/76/81).

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

In preparing the data for analysis, the following standardisation has been made. Two variations of occupier name, *Pound Geo* and *Pound George* are shown in Appendix 1: the listing in Appendix 3 shows *Pound, George* for both of these variations.

Of the 30 assessments with owners recorded in the Valuation Summary, 17 were owned by Sir F. Winnington, who also owned nearly 65% of the parish acreage, as shown in Table 2. Sir Francis Salway Winnington was lord of the manor of Eastham, of which Orleton was a chapelry, but a distinct civil parish.[6]

Table 1: Number of assessments by landowner

Name	No. of assessments
Sir F. Winnington	17
H. A. W. Newport	5
Major Peart	4
3 others with 1 or 2 assessments each	4
Not stated	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.

Table 2: Acreage of land by major landowner

Name	Acreage		
	a	r	p
Sir F. Winnington	339	2	0
Major Peart	79	0	0
H. A. W. Newport	52	2	0
T. G. H. Cooke	43	0	0
Elias Froggatt	9	2	0
TOTAL	523	2	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
H. J. Holden	Chapel Farm	250	2	0
Major Peart	Middle House	70	0	0
T. G. Hill Cooke	Medway	42	3	0
George Moss	Upper House	39	0	0
H. A. W. Newport	Hanley Wood	32	2	0

[6] Kelly's Directory 1912, p. 102.

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

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.

							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**
198	1	Tillman Frank	Peart Major	Land		The Parsonage	6	0	0	7	0	0	6	15	0
198	2	Tillman Frank	Peart Major	Buildings		The Parsonage				6	0	0	5	5	0
199	3	Lea Rev E. E.	Lea Rev E. E.	Tithes		Tithes				77	0	0	31	10	0
199	3a	Surveyor of Taxes	Lea Rev E. E.	Tithes		Tithes				77	0	0	31	10	0
200	4	Cooke T. G. Hill	Cooke T. G. H. The Bank Stanford Bdgs Worcester	Land		Medway	42	3	0	110	5	0	107	5	0
201	5	Edward Webb	Cooke T. G. H. The Bank Stanford Bdgs Worcester	Cottage & Garden		Medway		1	0	5	0	0	4	0	0
202	6	Peart Major	Peart Major	House & Land		Middle House	2	3	0	29	10	0	25	0	0
203	7	Peart Major	Peart Major	Land		Middle House	70	0	0	70	12	0	68	5	0
203	8	Void	Peart Major	Buildings		Middle House				12	0	0	9	15	0
204	9	Brislee Henry	Peart Major	Cottage & Garden		Honey Stile		1	0	4	5	0	3	10	0
205	10 - 12	Candy Richd	Froggatt Elias Church House Eastham Tenbury	Land		Honey Stile	9	2	0	24	0	0	23	5	0
205	11	Candy Richd	Froggatt Elias Church House Eastham Tenbury	House &c.		Honey Stile				2	0	0	1	15	0
206	13	Newport H A. W.	Newport H A. W.	Wood Land		Hanley Wood	32	2	0	9	15	0	9	12	0
207	14	Newport H A. W.	Newport H A. W.	Land		Fenney Hill	6	1	0	6	0	0	5	17	0

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207	15	Newport H A. W.	Newport H A. W.	House &c.		Fenney Hill				5	0	0	4	5	0
208	16	Pound George	Newport H A. W.	Land		Collins Orchard	2	2	0	1	10	0	1	10	0
209	17	Smith Edwd.	Newport H A. W.	Land		Broomy Hill	11	0	0	8	0	0	7	15	0
210	18	Field Saml.	Newport H A. W.	Cottage & Garden		Brick Barns		1	0	3	0	0	2	10	0
211	19	Holden H J.	Winnington Sir. F.	Land		Chapel Farm	250	2	0	226	0	0	220	7	0
211	20	Holden H J.	Winnington Sir. F.	House Bldgs &c		Chapel Farm				30	0	0	24	0	0
212	21	Void	Winnington Sir. F.	Cottage & Garden		Chapel Farm				3	0	0	2	10	0
213	22	Field Chas.	Winnington Sir. F.	Cottage & Garden		Chapel Farm				3	0	0	2	10	0
214	23	Davies Wm.	Winnington Sir. F.	Cottage & Garden		Chapel Farm				3	0	0	2	10	0
215	24	Vernalls Thos.	Winnington Sir. F.	Cottage & Garden		Chapel Farm				3	0	0	2	10	0
216	25	Jackson P.	Winnington Sir. F.	Cottage & Garden		Chapel Farm				3	0	0	2	10	0
217	26	Taylor Wm.	Winnington Sir. F.	Cottage & Garden		Chapel Farm				3	0	0	2	10	0
218	27	Price Thos.	Winnington Sir. F.	Cottage & Garden		Chapel Farm				3	0	0	2	10	0
219	28	Void	Winnington Sir. F.	Cottage & Garden		Chapel Farm				3	0	0	2	10	0
220	29	Griffiths Jas	Winnington Sir. F.	Land		School House	5	3	0	11	5	0	11	0	0
220	30	Griffiths Jas	Winnington Sir. F.	House & […]		School House				7	5	0	6	5	0
221	31	Hadwell Henry	Winnington Sir F	Land		Part Fall Farm	4	1	0	2	10	0	2	0	0
222	32	Meredith Thos.	Winnington Sir F	Land		Wall Hill	5	3	0	8	5	0	8	0	0
222	33	Meredith Thos.	Winnington Sir F	House & Buildings		Wall Hill				7	10	0	6	5	0

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223	34	Moore Vincent	Winnington Sir F	Land		Loxton	24	1	0	28	15	0	28	0	0
223	35	Moore Vincent	Winnington Sir F	House Buildgs &c.		Loxton				10	0	0	8	0	0
224	36	George Moss	Winnington Sir F	Land		Upper House	39	0	0	40	0	0	39	0	0
224	37	George Moss	Winnington Sir F	House Buildgs &c.		Upper House				15	0	0	12	0	0
225	38	Void	Winnington Sir F	Cottage		Upper House				2	10	0	2	0	0
226	39	Pound Geo.	Winnington Sir F	Land		Holders Place	4	1	0	8	0	0	7	15	0
226	40	Pound Geo.	Winnington Sir F	House & Buildgs		Holders Place				5	0	0	4	0	0
227	41	Winnington Sir F	Winnington Sir. F. Stanford Court Worcester	Woods & Orchard		Loxton	5	3	0	6	5	0	6	10	0
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TNA – The National Archives, Kew

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

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No Forms 37 exist for the Orleton

Field Books

TNA: IR58/61238, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Field Books. Worcester. Eastham (Hanley Childe). Assessment No. 101-200, 1910.*

TNA: IR58/61239, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Field Books. Worcester. Eastham. Assessment No. 201-300, 1910.*

Record Maps

TNA: IR129/3/680, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Record Sheet Plans. West Midland Region: Hereford and Worcester District. OS Sheet Reference: Worcestershire XX 1, 1910.*

TNA: IR129/3/684, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Record Sheet Plans. West Midland Region: Hereford and Worcester District. OS Sheet Reference: Worcestershire XX 5, 1910.*

TNA: IR129/3/685, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Record Sheet Plans. West Midland Region: Hereford and Worcester District. OS Sheet Reference: Worcestershire XX 6, 1910.*

TNA: IR129/3/688, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Record Sheet Plans. West Midland Region: Hereford and Worcester District. OS Sheet Reference: Worcestershire XX 9, 1910.*