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



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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 Wormington: it has been taken from the summary book for the Income Tax Parish of Ashton-under-Hill which covers the civil parishes of Ashton-under-Hill, Beckford, Dumbleton, Hinton-on-the-Green, Great Washbourne and Wormington.[2]

2. The parish of Wormington in 1910

The parish is located 6 miles north of Winchcombe and 6 miles south of Evesham on a geology described as Charmouth Mudstone Formation, extending to 532 acres. The resulting soils are described as a mixture of lime-rich loamy and clayey soils with impeded drainage, freely-draining lime-rich loamy soils, and slowly-permeable, seasonally-wet, slightly-acid but base-rich loamy and clayey soils.[3]

When the census was carried out in 1911, the population of Wormington was 82 (38 males and 44 females): of the 20 properties recorded in the census, 19 were inhabited and one was classed as a 'building not used as dwelling'.[4]

[2] WAAS: BA 8585/1/9, *Inland Revenue. Valuation Summary book for the parish of Ashton-under-Hill, Beckford, Dumbleton, Hinton-on-the-Green, Washbourne, Wormington, 1909-10*.
[3] Kelly's Directory for Gloucestershire, 1914, pp. 380-381. British Geological Survey, *Geology Viewer app – Wormington, Gloucestershire* [accessed 26 May 2026]; British Geological Survey, *UK Soil Observatory (UKSO) app, Soilscapes for England and Wales – Wormington, Gloucestershire* [accessed 26 May 2026]
[4] TNA: RG78/945. *1911 Census Enumerator's Summary Books. Gloucestershire. Winchcomb. Registration Sub-District: Cleeve, including Civil Parish, Township or Place: Wormington*.

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

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

- The owner and occupier name *Eyres Monsell Mrs.* shown in Appendix 1 has been standardised to *Eyres-Monsell, Mrs*. in Appendices 2 and 3;[5]
- Three variations of owner name, *Whittington Ince Revd, Whittington Ince Rev.* and *Rev. Ince* are shown in Appendix 1: the listing in Appendix 2 shows *Whittington-Ince, Rev.* for all of these variations;[6]
- The occupier name *Whittington Ince Rev.* shown in Appendix 1 has been standardised to *Whittington-Ince, Rev.* in Appendix 3.

Of the 29 assessments with owners recorded in the Valuation Summary, 14 were owned by Mrs. Eyres-Monsell, comprising 45% of the acreage of the parish, as shown in Table 2. The other major landowners were the Rev. Whittington-Ince and the trustees of Townsends Charity.

Table 1: Number of assessments by landowner

Name	No. of assessments
Mrs. Eyres-Monsell	14
Rev. Whittington-Ince	8
Trustees of Townsends Charity	4
3 others with 1 assessment each	3
Not stated	1
TOTAL	30

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

Table 2: Acreage of land by major landowner

Name	Acreage		
	a	r	p
Mrs. Eyres-Monsell	241	3	0
Trustees of Townsends Charity	154	1	0
Rev. Whittington-Ince	130	1	0
The Bursar, Jesus College, Oxford	8	0	0
TOTAL	534	1	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
Mrs. M. Roberts	Wormington	237	1	0
J. H. Staight	Wormington	154	1	0
W. G. Grimmett	Rectory Farm	86	0	0
Allotment Tenants	Rectory Farm	26	0	0

[5] Mrs. Eyres-Monsell lived at Dumbleton Hall and was lady of the manor of Wormington. Kelly's Directory for Gloucestershire, pp.154 and 381.
[6] In the 1911 Census, Rev. Edward John Cumming Whittington-Ince, clergyman of the established church, lived at Wormington Rectory. TNA: RG14/15515.

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

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**
524	1	Whittington Ince Rev:	Whittington Ince Revd Wormington Broadway	House & Land		The Rectory	2	1	0	26	0	0	24	10	0
~~524A~~ 524[7]	1	Allotment Tenants	Whittington Ince Revd Wormington Broadway	Land		Rectory Farm	26	0	0	35	0	0	31	10	0
525	1	Russell Wm	Whittington Ince Revd Wormington Broadway	Cottage & Garden		Wormington				5	10	0	4	12	6
526	1	Warren David	Whittington Ince Revd Wormington Broadway	Cottage & Garden		Wormington				5	10	0	4	12	6
527	2	Grimmett W. G.	Whittington Ince Revd Wormington Broadway	Land		Rectory Farm	86	0	0	45	0	0	40	10	0
~~527A~~[8]	3	~~Roberts Mrs M~~ Dones John	~~Whittington Ince Revd Wormington Broadway~~ Churchwardens Wormington	Meadow Land		Wormington					13	0		10	0
528	3	~~Roberts Mrs M.~~ Roberts Mrs M.	Eyres Monsell Mrs. Dumbleton Hall Evesham	House & Buildings		Wormington				33	0	0	30	0	0
528	3	Roberts Mrs M	Eyres Monsell Mrs. Dumbleton Hall Evesham	Land		Wormington	237	1	0	120	0	0	107	15	0
529	3	Dones William	Eyres Monsell Mrs. Dumbleton Hall Evesham	Cottage & Garden		Wormington				4	0	0	3	5	0

[7] Note added: See 556.
[8] Note added: See 557.

							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**
530	3	Hacklett Frank	Eyres Monsell Mrs. Dumbleton Hall Evesham	Cottage & Garden		Wormington				4	10	0	3	12	6
531	3	Tyler Chas Sen	Eyres Monsell Mrs. Dumbleton Hall Evesham	Cottage & Garden		Wormington		1	0	4	0	0	3	5	0
532	3	Tyler Chas Jun	Eyres Monsell Mrs. Dumbleton Hall Evesham	Cottage & Garden		Wormington				4	10	0	3	12	6
533	3	Clayton	Eyres Monsell Mrs. Dumbleton Hall Evesham	Cottage & Garden		Wormington				3	0	0	2	7	6
534	4	Hopkins Henry	The Bursar Jesus College Oxford	Land		Wormington	8	0	0	12	0	0	10	15	0
535	5	Attwood Henry	Attwood Henry Wormington Broadway	Cottage & Garden		Wormington				4	10	0	3	12	6
536	6	Staight J H.	Trustees of Townsends Charity Winchcomb	House & Buildings		Wormington				25	0	0	22	10	0
536	6	Staight J H.	Trustees of Townsends Charity Winchcomb	Land		Wormington	154	1	0	133	0	0	119	15	0
537	6	Russell Arch	Trustees of Townsends Charity Winchcomb	Cottage & Garden		Wormington				4	0	0	3	15	0
538	6	Williams	Trustees of Townsends Charity Winchcomb	Cottage & Garden		Wormington				4	0	0	3	15	0
539	6	Attwood John	Trustees of Townsends Charity Winchcomb	Cottage & Garden		Wormington				4	0	0	3	15	0
540	7	Eyres Monsell Mrs.	Eyres Monsell Mrs. Dumbleton Hall Evesham	Sporting Rights		Wormington Farm				3	19	0	3	15	0
541	7	Tandy Charles	Eyres Monsell Mrs. Dumbleton Hall Evesham	Cottage & Garden		Wormington		1	0	4	0	0	3	5	0

							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**
542	7	Hacklett Charles	Eyres Monsell Mrs. Dumbleton Hall Evesham	Cottage & Garden		Wormington				4	0	0	3	5	0
543	7	Dones Walter	Eyres Monsell Mrs. Dumbleton Hall Evesham	Cottage & Garden		Wormington				4	0	0	3	5	0
544	7	Dones John	Eyres Monsell Mrs. Dumbleton Hall Evesham	Cottage & Garden		Wormington				4	0	0	3	5	0
544	7	Dones John	Eyres Monsell Mrs. Dumbleton Hall Evesham	Wash House		Wormington				2	0	0	1	15	0
545	7	Russell Margaret	Eyres Monsell Mrs. Dumbleton Hall Evesham	Cottage & Garden		Wormington		1	0	4	0	0	3	5	0
546	7	Eyres Monsell Mrs.	Eyres Monsell Mrs. Dumbleton Hall Evesham	Plantation		Wormington	3	3	0	2	2	0	2	0	0
547[9]		Russell J M	Eyres Monsell Mrs. Dumbleton Hall Evesham	Garden		Wormington									
548[10]		Whittington Ince Revd	Whittington Ince Rev.	Sporting Rights		Wormington									
556		Allotment Tenants	Rev Ince Broadway	Land		Rectory Farm	16	0	0	35	0	0	31	10	0
557		John Dones	Church Wardens Wormington	Meadow Land		Wormington					13	0		10	0
558				Church		Wormington									

[9] Note added: This is lot No. 545.
[10] Note added: Sporting Rights not separated.

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Appendix 5. References to other Land Valuation resources for Wormington

TNA – The National Archives, Kew

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

Forms 37

No Forms 37 are held at WAAS for Wormington.

Field Books

TNA: IR58/93308B, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Field Books. Worcester. Ashton-under-Hill. Assessment No. 501-571, 1910.*

Record Maps

TNA: IR128/4/55, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Record Sheet Plans. Western Region: Cheltenham District. OS Sheet Reference: Gloucestershire XIII 7, 1910.*

TNA: IR128/4/56, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Record Sheet Plans. Western Region: Cheltenham District. OS Sheet Reference: Gloucestershire XIII 8, 1910.*

TNA: IR129/3/1028, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Record Sheet Plans. West Midlands Region: Hereford and Worcester District. OS Sheet Reference: Worcestershire LVI 3, 1910.*

TNA: IR129/3/1029, *Board of Inland Revenue Valuation Office: Record Sheet Plans. West Midlands Region: Hereford and Worcester District. OS Sheet Reference: Worcestershire LVI 4, 1910.*