



Return of Owners of Land Extract 1873



Market Lavington

In September 1872 the Local Government Board (*created by an Act of 1871, replacing the Poor Law Board*), a supervisory body overseeing local administration in England and Wales were ordered by Act of Parliament to compile a list of owners of land from ratings records held by nearly 15,000 parishes.

One Return was prepared for England and Wales with separate ones undertaken for Scotland in 1874 and Ireland in 1876. **'The Return of Owners of Land 1873'** was published for England and Wales in 1875. It excluded the Metropolis.

All statements contained in the 'Return', with exception to the addresses of the owners, were derived from the rating valuation lists which were used for making assessments under the Poor Law; making wealthy landowners liable to pay tax toward the upkeep of the poor.

The 'Return' records the holdings, in acres, roods and poles (*see note below*), and the estimated yearly rental of all holdings over 1 acre. It is listed by county and landowner together with the principle residence of each owner. The location of the land owned is not given.

Name of Owner			Address of Owner	Extent of Land			Yearly Gross Estimated Rental	
Surname	Given Name	Other		Acres	Roods	Poles	Pounds	Shillings
Ashley	George		Market Lavington	11	1	13	46	11
Baker	John		Market Lavington	2	0	28	13	2
Bartlett	James		Market Lavington	1	0	3	8	6
Bouverie	E. P.	Rt. Hon.	Market Lavington	3349	2	2	4811	14
Box	William		Market Lavington	7	1	36	75	8
Brown	William		Market Lavington	5	1	30	20	3
Dowse	John		Market Lavington	53	3	21	125	3
Dowse	Robert		Market Lavington	2	1	36	8	13
Dowse		Executors of Mrs.	Market Lavington	34	2	38	102	2
Draper	Ann		Market Lavington	3	2	0	21	9
Draper	Jane		Market Lavington	3	3	37	67	9
Draper	Samuel	Mrs.	Market Lavington	2	2	0	7	10
Draper	Thomas		Market Lavington	10	3	20	75	2
Farmer	Samuel W.		Market Lavington	83	0	27	106	0
Farmer	Sarah		Market	3	0	15	50	0

			Lavington					
Finnigan		Mrs.	Market Lavington	1	1	37	5	0
Fowle	Sarah	Mrs.	Market Lavington	27	2	26	101	13
Giles	John		Market Lavington	125	1	39	276	12
Gye	John		Market Lavington	10	1	20	33	14
Gye	Richard		Market Lavington	2	0	0	4	8
Hay	Louisa	Hon. Mrs.	Market Lavington	43	3	3	231	5
Hopkins	Richard		Market Lavington	1	0	0	23	1

Notes

Definition of extent of land;

640 Acres = 1 square mile.

1 Rood (*a ploughing strip*) = 220 yards long (*1 furlong*) x 5.5 yards wide (*1 rod, pole or perch*).

4 Roods = 1 Acre.

1 Pole = 30¼ square yards.

40 square poles = 1 rood.

The County of Wiltshire;

At the time the return was made in 1873 the county of Wiltshire comprised of a population of 257,177 with 54,874 inhabited houses, contained within 343 parishes (*information as published in the return*).