



Return of Owners of Land Extract 1873

Westbury



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
		Burial Board of	Westbury	5	2	11	15	0
		Churchwarden of	Westbury	6	2	24	26	0
		Corporation of	Westbury	3	0	17	8	10
		Iron Company	Westbury	7	3	1	12	0
		Meeting Trustees of	Westbury, Lower	1	0	1	26	0
Atkins	John		Westbury	4	3	31	166	5
Baker	Alfred		Westbury					
Batchelor	S.	Representatives of	Westbury	1	3	26	5	0
Burges	Thomas	Representatives of	Westbury	14	2	0	45	0
Doel	Job		Westbury, Bremeridge	117	0	31	203	15
Duke	H. H.	Rev.	Westbury	211	0	2	379	5
Dutch	William		Westbury, Boreham Road	29	0	35	349	0
Flooks	James		Westbury	4	0	0	14	0
Fowles	Jane		Westbury	7	2	32	36	0
Goddard	Martha		Westbury	25	1	0	53	0
Green		Mrs.	Westbury	3	2	7	12	0
Green	John		Westbury	1	1	21	36	15
Greenland	Ebenezer J.		Westbury	11	1	31	43	0
Greenland	William		Westbury	10	0	7	420	10

Harris	M.	*	Westbury	4	1	21	24	0
Harris	S.	*	Westbury	4	1	21	24	0
Jackson	George		Westbury	2	1	16	13	15
Lane		Mrs.	Westbury	4	0	3	104	10
Lanfeair	Thomas		Westbury	2	1	15	37	5
Laverton	Abraham		Westbury	288	1	7	2,311	14
Llyles		Mrs.	Westbury	1	2	10	29	15
Meadow	Martin		Westbury	3	2	18	77	0
Morgan	F.I.		Westbury	4	2	28	97	0
Nokes	Robert	Trustees of	Westbury	70	1	27	318	0
Pinniger	Henry William		Westbury	3	1	8	39	0
Sexton	Josh		Westbury	5	1	16	68	10
Taylor	Stephen		Westbury	5	1	28	95	15
Trask	John		Westbury	361	0	11	840	0
Turner	W. B.	Trustees of	Westbury	105	1	28	214	0
Watts	Isaac P.		Westbury	8	1	26	159	0
Whitaker	Margaret	Representatives of Miss	Westbury	17	1	36	68	0
Whitaker	W. S.	& Others	Westbury	75	3	12	119	0
Wilkins	John	Representatives of	Westbury	20	0	30	80	10
Withers	F. H.		Westbury	6	3	1	57	0
Withers	Henry		Westbury	63	3	21	340	0
Zeal	Thomas		Westbury	6	2	16	77	5

* Denotes Joint Ownership of Land

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*).