



Return of Owners of Land Extract 1873



Aldbourne

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
Bacon	Thomas		Aldbourne	3	3	35	15	0
Barrett	Amos		Aldbourne	10	0	3	8	0
Barrett	James		Aldbourne	3	0	2	3	0
Brown	Martha	Mrs.	Aldbourne	5	0	19	60	0
Brown	Thomas		Aldbourne	125	1	21	116	0
Brown	William		Aldbourne	803	3	27	903	0
Butcher	Frederick	***	Aldbourne	515	1	33	450	0
Butcher	George	***	Aldbourne	515	1	33	450	0
Chandler	Thomas		Aldbourne	494	1	3	376	0
Church	Thomas		Aldbourne	126	2	26	174	10
Cleather	G. P.	Rev.	Aldbourne	421	2	9	432	0
Coleman	William		Aldbourne	35	0	8	57	0
Cook	Daniel		Aldbourne	1	3	8	2	0
Cook	James		Aldbourne	7	1	18	15	0
Cues		Executors of	Aldbourne	88	0	34	186	10
Farmer	Robert		Aldbourne	5	2	27	5	0
Hodder	Benjamin		Aldbourne	23	1	37	34	0
James	Henry		Aldbourne	14	2	18	20	0
Kent	Thomas		Aldbourne	1	2	20	3	0
Martin	Ann M.		Aldbourne	10	3	16	17	0
Neate	Francis W.		Aldbourne	125	1	29	238	12
Orchard	Thomas		Aldbourne	1	1	19	10	0
Palmer	James		Aldbourne	7	0	1	7	0
Palmer	Joseph		Aldbourne	10	2	22	12	0
Puckeridge	Henry James		Aldbourne	13	1	39	29	13
Read	Rd.	Executors of	Aldbourne	4	0	5	19	0
Sheppard	William		Aldbourne	9	1	23	11	0

Smith	James		Aldbourne	4	0	6	3	10
Taylor	John Baker		Aldbourne	2	3	34	30	0
Waldron	Lovegrove		Aldbourne	106	0	24	316	14
Witts	B.	Executors of	Aldbourne	4	0	13	5	0
Witts	Broome	***	Aldbourne	103	3	15	137	0
Witts	E.	***						
Woodley	John		Aldbourne	2	0	0	3	3
Woodley	Stephen		Aldbourne	4	0	18	5	0

*** Joint Owners

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*).