



# Return of Owners of Land Extract 1873

## Corsham



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
		Feoffees of	Corsham	28	1	39	61	12
Batch	Henry		Corsham	1	3	4	46	10
Batch	Robert		Corsham	12	0	12	131	10
Brown	W.	Reverend	Corsham	9	1	11	30	0
Bush	Martin F.		Corsham	5	3	39	27	10
Davies	Thomas		Corsham	4	3	12	447	0
Davis	Hannah		Corsham	1	0	25	14	0
Dunsdon	Ann		Corsham	25	3	14	60	0
Dunsdon	John		Corsham	21	1	32	87	10
Dunsdon	William		Corsham	32	3	1	75	0
Edwards	John		Corsham	175	1	8	308	10
Fowler	Robert N.		Corsham	154	0	16	416	17
Freeth	John		Corsham	5	2	8	16	0
Fuller	George N.		Corsham	389	3	22	702	15
Gibbons	Henry		Corsham	18	3	6	50	0
Goold		Trustees of	Corsham	9	1	24	86	0
Goold	Uriah		Corsham	3	1	22	35	0
Hayward	John		Corsham	2	1	12	38	0
Horne	John		Corsham	5	2	3	21	0
Hulbert	Elizabeth		Corsham	17	2	7	43	8
Hulbert	Thomas		Corsham	19	2	33	269	10
Jones	Caroline		Corsham	3	2	11	18	0

### 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 =  $30\frac{1}{4}$  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*).