# Return of Owners of Land Extract 1873

# East Knoyle

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 |
| Baker | William | | East Knoyle | 3 | 1 | 33 | 10 | 0 |
| Burbidge | Felton | | East Knoyle | 7 | 3 | 7 | 18 | 0 |
| Burbidge | John | | East Knoyle | 2 | 3 | 30 | 8 | 10 |
| Burden | John | | East Knoyle | 100 | 1 | 21 | 144 | 0 |
| Burton | Isaac | | East Knoyle | 18 | 2 | 20 | 47 | 0 |
| Compton | William | | East Knoyle | 61 | 3 | 14 | 105 | 10 |

**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)*.