



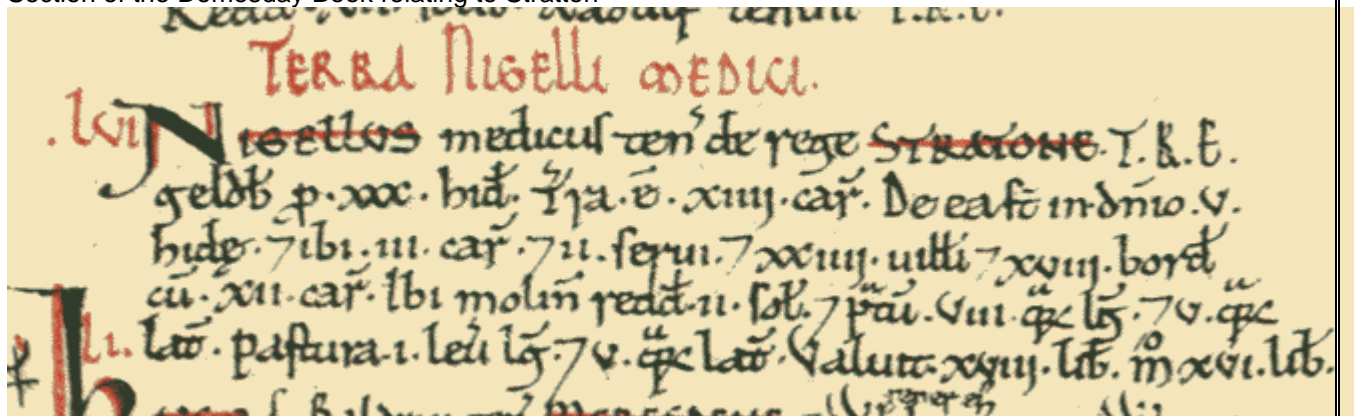
## DOMESDAY BOOK

### Stratton St. Margaret

The Domesday Book is a record of the great survey which was completed in 1086, of much of England and parts of Wales.

The survey was executed for William I of England (William the Conqueror) to determine how much each landholder had in land & livestock, and what it was worth. From this it could be determined how much tax was liable. The judgement of the Domesday assessors was final – whatever was written in the books about who held what material wealth or what it was worth, was law and no appeal was available. It was written in Latin and the text was highly abbreviated. The Domesday books were referred to as “the Book of Judgement” “because its decisions, like those of the Last Judgement, are unalterable”.

Section of the Domesday Book relating to Stratton



#### Doomsday Translation

STRATONE Owner Spirtes, a priest, Tenant Nigel the Physician - originally in the hundred of Scipe, afterwards in that of Highworth. There are two manors, Stratton Superior and Inferior, recorded in the Nom. V: II, both of which, from the large extent of this estate, which was assessed at thirty hides, are no doubt included in it. The village consisted of three hamlets: The Street; the area around Green Road and Dores Road and including the few houses at Kingsdown and Stratton Green, mainly around Tilleys Lane. Footpaths and coffin-ways joined the hamlets, in 1086 there were 24 villagers, 18 small holders & 12 ploughs. The mill was worth 2/-. Land was 8f x 5f to meadow and 1 league x 5f to Pasture.

<b>Hundred</b>	Scipe later Highworth
<b>County</b>	Wiltshire
<b>Total Population</b>	44 households in 1086
<b>Total Tax assessed</b>	

<b>Taxable Units</b>	
<b>Value</b>	
<b>Households</b>	24 Villagers; 18 small holders; 2 slaves
<b>Ploughland</b>	14 ploughlands; 3 lord's plough teams; 12 men's plough teams
<b>Other resources</b>	Meadow 8 x 5 furlongs; Pasture 1 league x 5 furlongs mixed measures; 1 Mill value 2 shillings
<b>Lord in 1066</b>	Spirtes the Priest
<b>Lord in 1086</b>	Nigel the Doctor
<b>Tenant-in-chief in 1086</b>	Nigel the Doctor
<b>Phillimore reference</b>	Wiltshire 56, 1