



Return of Owners of Land Extract 1873



Warminster

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
Aldridge	C.	Executors of	Warminster	19	3	36	59	0
Ashley	Francis D.	Sir; Executors of	Warminster, Eastleigh	7887	2	3	7842	17
Barnes	Samuel		Warminster	4	1	38	13	0
Bath		Marquis of	Warminster	19977	2	35	29185	7
Bayly	Alfred		Warminster	214	0	31	220	16
Bayly	F. W.		Warminster	148	0	28	468	2
Blake	Isaac		Warminster	1	1	23	58	0
Bleek	Kate	Miss	Warminster	3	3	23	67	15
Bush	George		Warminster	4	2	29	58	10
Bush	Jane		Warminster	1	0	34	43	0
Butcher	Robert		Warminster	1	1	27	117	10
Carter	Edward		Warminster	1	0	5	37	4
Chapman	J.		Warminster	71	0	13	359	15
Chapman	William		Warminster	9	2	35	39	0
Cockrell		Mr.	Warminster	16	0	2	67	0
Cockrell		Mrs.	Warminster	17	1	16	50	0
Cornish	James		Warminster	3	0	39	120	0
Cornish	Jasper		Warminster	3	0	29	120	0
Cusse	Peter S.		Warminster	2	3	33	123	10
Daniell	John	Representatives of	Warminster	2	2	18	7	15
Daniell	William		Warminster, Bread Street	6	1	25	94	10
Davies	Mathew		Warminster	131	3	24	447	0
Debnan	Josh.		Warminster	4	0	10	27	0
Doet	John		Warminster	1	3	8	25	0
Dredge	Charles		Warminster	5	3	0	104	2
Dredge	William		Warminster,	9	3	36	57	12

			Haygrove					
Elling	John	Mrs.	Warminster	6	1	7	25	0
Elling	John, Jnr.		Warminster	2	2	3	9	0
		Churchwardens of	Warminster	28	3	5	79	0
		Trustees of Chapel	Warminster	6	0	36	32	15
		Wilts. & Dorset Banking Co.	Warminster	1	2	36	104	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 = 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*).