



Return of Owners of Land Extract 1873



West Wellow

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
Beaby	Henry		West Wellow	5	0	10	3	10
Beaby	Isaac		West Wellow	2	0	12	2	12
Clifton		Executor of	West Wellow	12	3	34	23	0
Dawkins	Charles		West Wellow	1	0	0	3	10
Deane	Alfred		West Wellow	3	0	10	2	10
Dibden	Francis		West Wellow	1	2	10	1	17
Dovey	Isaac		West Wellow	8	0	20	7	15
Elliott	William		West Wellow	2	0	10	2	2
Evans	John		West Wellow	12	0	20	6	9
Fielder	James		West Wellow	7	0	20	7	5
Fielder	Timothy		West Wellow	8	2	25	22	0
Fletcher	H.		West Wellow	1	0	0	1	18
Forbes	Charles		West Wellow	40	1	0	16	1
Ford	James		West Wellow	12	0	10	6	0
Goddard	Charles		West Wellow	6	0	9	11	5
Goddard	Francis		West Wellow	2	3	12	9	0
Goddard	Nicholas		West Wellow	1	0	20	6	15
Goddard	William		West Wellow	48	0	27	52	0
Harnett	William		West Wellow	3	3	20	13	2
Hatch	George		West Wellow	3	0	10	1	17
Hatch	William		West Wellow	3	0	10	2	5
Hill	Charles		West Wellow	1	3	30	19	0
Judd	Francis		West Wellow	7	1	0	16	5
King	Charles		West Wellow	2	3	10	7	10
King	James		West Wellow	10	0	0	3	0
Manry	Elizabeth		West Wellow	72	1	5	72	1
Noble	William		West Wellow	5	0	0	3	10

Pardridge	Reuben		West Wellow	6	0	10	4	0
Pearce	Petty William		West Wellow	2	0	10	4	2
Penford	James		West Wellow	14	0	10	12	10
Petty	Mary		West Wellow	14	0	36	35	0
Petty	T. (<i>Executor of</i>)		West Wellow	18	1	24	28	5
Petty	William N.		West Wellow	9	1	20	24	10
Pointer	Charles		West Wellow	1	3	16	5	0
Reynolds	Arthur		West Wellow	5	0	10	2	15
Reynolds	Evan		West Wellow	6	0	12	4	5
Russell	Jane		West Wellow	10	0	10	12	10
Saunders	William		West Wellow	3	0	10	1	17
Smith	Thomas		West Wellow	1	0	0	4	10
Taffin	Charles		West Wellow	4	0	0	16	0
Taffin	George		West Wellow	2	0	0	8	0
Tutt	Elizabeth		West Wellow	1	0	0	5	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*).