



Return of Owners of Land Extract 1873



Bromham

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
		Cemetery Company		1	0	0	1	10
Akerman	James		Bromham	7	3	9	64	0
Akerman	Robert		Bromham	8	1	20	8	0
Atwood	H.	*	Bromham	10	1	22	134	6
Atwood	S.	*	Bromham	10	1	22	134	6
Banks	John		Bromham	175	1	32	409	10
Brown		Miss	Bromham	1	2	26	18	0
Butler	Daniel		Bromham	50	1	13	153	10
Carnick	John		Bromham	5	1	6	91	0
Dunsdon	Worthy		Bromham	1	1	27	27	0
Edgell	E. B.	Rev.	Bromham	51	0	27	882	19
Gaby	Emily		Bromham	129	1	32	346	10
Gale	William D.		Bromham	9	2	16	25	4
Gee	John		Bromham	47	3	15	172	5
Gee	William		Bromham	1	1	6	10	0
Hatter	William		Bromham	9	0	29	15	15
Moore	Hannah		Bromham	30	0	12	38	10
New	Francis		Bromham	27	2	1	58	0
Perrett	William		Bromham	17	3	18	33	0
Sansom	John		Bromham	3	3	18	54	10
Spicer	John G.		Bromham	215	0	8	251	0
Stone	Elizabeth		Bromham	3	0	8	40	0
Webb	Benjamin		Bromham	2	0	31	10	0
Wootten	James W.		Bromham	1	3	31	11	0

* Denotes Joint Ownership of Land

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*).