



Foxley

In 1066 when King William commissioned a survey of England so he would know what he had and who held it for him. This survey is known as the *Domesday Book* and was compiled in Winchester in 1086. At that time Foxley was part the Startley Hundred in Wiltshire County. Hundreds were administrative districts made up of a number of villages. In 1086, according to the Phillimore edition of *Domesday Book: Wiltshire*, Startley Hundred included the following:

1. Foxley
2. Norton
3. Corston
4. Brinkworth
5. Bradfield
6. Somerford
7. Dauntsey
8. Smithcot
9. Surrendell
10. Hullavinton
11. Seagry
12. Draycot Cerne
13. Christian Malford

Wiltshire County starts at Folio 64 of the Domesday Manuscript and Foxley is mentioned on Folio 72c, as being held by Roger Berkeley. The following is Caroline Thorn's translation of that entry:

Entry 45 [LAND] OF ROGER BERKELEY

Roger of Berkeley holds Foxley from the King. Aldred held it before 1066; it paid tax for 2 hides. Land for 4 ploughs, of which 1 hide is in lordship; 2 ploughs there; 3 slaves; 4 villagers and 3 Cottagers with 3 ploughs. A mill, 7s6d; meadow, 4 acres; pasture, 8 acres; 1 house in Malmesbury. The value was and is 40s.

Source: Morris, John, Caroline Thorn, and Frank Thorn, eds. *Doomsday Book: Wiltshire*. Chichester: Phillimore & Co. Ltd. 1979.