



DOMESDAY BOOK

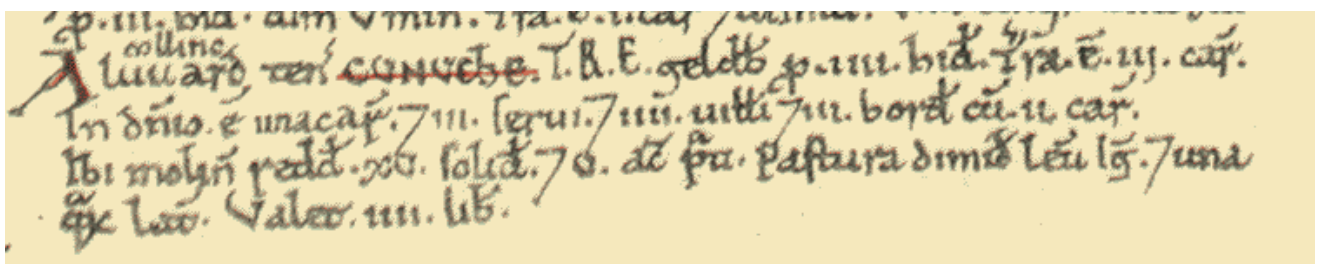
Knook

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”.

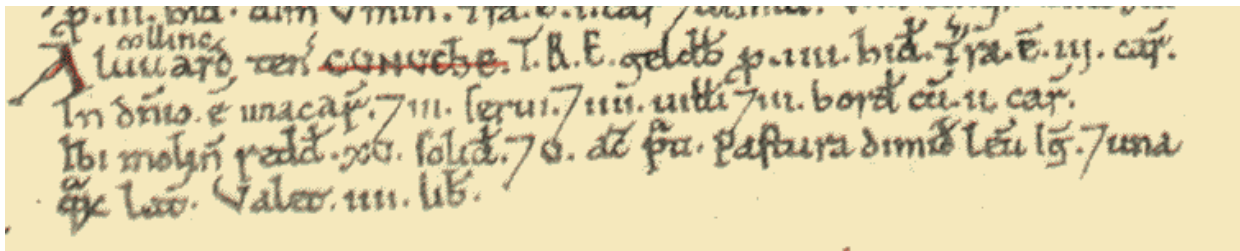
Section of the Domesday Book relating to Knook on Page 19 - Wiltshire – Entry 1:

Hundred	Heytesbury
County	Wiltshire
Total Population	19 households (medium).
Total Tax assessed	7.5 geld units (quite large).
Taxable Units	Taxable value 4 geld units.
Value	Value to lord in 1086 £4.
Households	4 villagers. 3 smallholders. 3 slaves.
Ploughland	3 ploughlands (land for). 1 lord's plough teams. 2 men's plough teams.
Other resources	Meadow 5 acres. Pasture 0.5 leagues * 1 furlong mixed measures. 1 mill, value 0.75.
Lord in 1066	-
Lord in 1086	<u>Alward Colling.</u>
Tenant-in-chief in 1086	<u>Alward Colling.</u>
Phillimore reference	67,14



Section of the Domesday Book relating to Knook on Page 20 - Wiltshire – Entry 2:

Hundred	Heytesbury
County	Wiltshire
Total Population	19 households (medium).
Total Tax assessed	7.5 geld units (quite large).
Taxable Units	Taxable value 3.5 geld units.
Value	Value to lord in 1086 £3
Households	4 villagers. 4 smallholders. 1 slaves.
Ploughland	2.5 ploughlands (land for).
Other resources	Meadow 5 acres. Pasture 0.5 leagues * 1 furlong mixed measures. 1 mill, value 0.75.
Lord in 1066	<u>Leofgyth's husband.</u>
Lord in 1086	<u>Leofgyth.</u>
Tenant-in-chief in 1086	<u>Leofgyth.</u>
Phillimore reference	67,86



(Images from [Domesdaymap](#) – Professor John Palmer & George Slater)