



Return of Owners of Land Extract 1873



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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
Andrews	George		Minety	12	2	8	19	0
Berry	Charlotte		Minety	11	1	30	28	0
Brown	John		Minety	77	1	9	136	0
Brown	Thomas		Minety	184	0	18	437	11
Clarke	Jonas		Minety	21	2	0	85	10
Cole	Jonathan		Minety	224	1	39	251	0
Edwards	John	Reverend	Minety	66	3	3	197	0
Edwards	John S.		Minety	8	0	0	12	8
Edwards	Thomas		Minety	1	0	31	15	0
Evans	John		Minety	1	0	0	5	10
Fitzgerald		Mrs.	Minety	167	1	14	232	0
Fry	Sarah		Minety	1	1	5	8	0
Fry	William		Minety	3	1	33	10	0
Gardiner	George		Minety	44	3	15	120	0
Godwin	John		Minety	3	0	0	4	16
Hall	Jane		Minety	36	2	37	70	0
Hiscock	Edwin		Minety	24	0	29	27	0
Howse	Charles		Minety	4	0	25	13	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*).