

The Wheathampstead Tithe Map and Schedule 1841

The principle of tithe payments was established in Anglo-Saxon England, ie before the Norman Conquest. Originally, it required that one tenth of farm produce should be paid to the local priest each year, though payments were sometimes made to a monastery and, after the dissolution of the monasteries in the 16th century, the right to receive tithes was in some cases transferred to private landlords.

Over time, some tithe owners agreed with tithe payers that the tithe could be paid in cash rather than in produce. This arrangement was formalised by the Tithe Commutation Act 1836 which set up arrangements whereby all tithes could be converted to cash payments. This meant that most 'tithe districts' had to draw up a map showing each separate plot or parcel of land in the district, which was often though not always a parish. The maps had of course to be both detailed and accurate and had to be approved by commissioners.

Each plot was given a number and an accompanying schedule showed who owned each plot, the name of the occupier, and a short description of how the land was used.

Most of the surveying and mapping was carried out by 1841, which is the date of the Wheathampstead tithe map and schedule. This can be viewed at HALS, together with the schedule.

The Society has several copies of this map, including a set of three which a member of the Harpenden History Society has painstakingly colour-coded, one to show owners, one to show occupiers, and one to show land use.

The copies are not always easy to decipher, especially where there are several small plots close together, as in the village High Street. We are fortunate that a member of the Harpenden History Society has redrawn this section of the original map, as shown on the next page. This is followed by two pages transcribed from the schedule.

Note: by coincidence, the first census was carried out in 1841, which makes it possible to cross-reference between these two sources.

<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Use</u>	<u>Occupier</u>	<u>Owner</u>
1.	Church & Church Yard		Rev. G. Protyman	Rev. G. Protyman
2.	Cottage		Benjamin Watts	John Basser
3.	Cottages		Abigail Thrale & Others	George Wright
4.	Cottage & Premises		James Scrivner & Another	George Nash
5.	House and Premises		Geo. Munden & Others	Mary Bassil
6.	Cottage & Premises		Jennings	Eliz. Gregory
7.	Cottage & Premises		Mary Tongue & Another	George Munden
8.	Wheathamstead Mill		George Sutton	Dean of Westminster
9.	Cottages and Gdns.		Wm. Jarrott & Others	J. House
10A	Cottage and Bakers Shop		John Gregory	J. Gregory
10.	House, Shop & Premise		" "	Wm. Hopkins
11A	Rectory House Gdns.		Rev. George Thos Protyman	Dean of Westminster
11.	Part of Rectory Grounds nr. River		" " "	
12.	Cottage and Garden		Thos. Lattimore & Another	T. Lattimore
13.	Cottage and Orchard		Robert Halsey & Another	R. Halsey
14.	Chapel & Yard		George Sutton	G. Sutton
15.	House, Cottages etc.		George Sutton & Others	P. Parratt
16.	Cottage & Garden		Charles King	Dean of Westminster
17.	Cottage & Gardens		Charles Lines & Others	J.I. House
18.	Cottage & Premises		Ann Dunham	Ann Dunham
19.	Whealers Shop, House etc.		Robert Bray & Others	J.I. House
20.	Swan Inn & Black Smith's Shop		Saml. Smith & Others	" "
21.	Cottages & Premises		Sarah Nash & Others	Wm. Wright
22.	Cottage & Gardens		Thomas Ransom & Other	John Dorrington
23.	Wesleyan Chapel		Jacob Harrison	Jacob Harrison
24.	Cottage & Gardens		George Deverell	Geo. Deverell
25.	Red Cow Beer Shop		Wm Peacock & Others	J. Dorrington
26.	National School		Wheathamstead Parish Officers	Wheathamstead Parish Officers
27.	House Premises & Gdn.		Rev. Thomas Gilbert	G. Sutton
28.	House and Premises		Rev. Luke Young	James Mardall
29.	2 Cottages & Premises		George Woodwards & Another	Robert Sibley
30.	House & Premises		Lawrence	Thompson
31.	Town Farm Homestead		Amelia Chennels	C.B.D. Garrard
32.	Corner Pightle	Grass	Hy Sibley	Hy Sibley
33.	Brewery & Cottages		Wm. Lattimore	E.L. Rigby

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34.	House Premises & Orchard		Wm. Lattimore	Wm. Lattimore
35.	House, Malting		Hy Sibley	Hy Sibley
36.	2 Cottages & Gdns		Wm. Messer & Others	Marshalls Charity Estates
37.	Public House		Wm. Brounier	Alfred Prior
38.	House & Premises		Lines & Others	J.I. House
39.	Bell Inn & Premises		Mary Baker	Robert Sibley
40.	Cottage & Premises		Maria Gladman	John Munt
41.	2 Cottages		James Poulson & Another	Francis Kingston
42.	House, Shop & Premises		George Nash	G. Nash
43.	House & Premises		Ed. Bruton & Others	Edward Bruton
44.	Wheelers Shop & Premises		Robert Dickenson	James Mardall
45.	Cottage & Gdns.		Wm. Croft	Wm. Titmas
46.	10 Cottages		J. Arnold Wm. Whithimore & Others	Phoebe Parrott
47.	4 Cottages & Gdns		Francis Freeman & Others	Hy Sibley
48.	Bull Inn, Malting & Gdns.		Wm. Hooper & Others	C.B.D. Garrard
49.	Meadow etc.	Grass	Ch.H. Lattimore	Viscount Melbourne
50.	3 Cottages & Premises		Thomas Hollingsworth & Others	" "
51.	House, Carpenters Shop & Orchard		George Arnold	J.I. House
52.	Corner meadow	Grass	Wm. Mowbray	Robert Sibley
53.	"		"	"
54.	White Horse Field	Grass	John Dorrington	John Dorrington
55.	House, Premises & Orchard		Wm. Mowbray	Robert Sibley
56.	Cottage & Carpenters		George Browne & Others	Widow DeFleur
57.	Cottages & Gdns.		John Lines & Another	J.I. House
58.	Piece Garden Ground		George Browne	C.B.D. Garrard
59.	Garden Field & Cottages	Arable	Benjamin Picksley & Others	" "
60.	Hither New Bridge Field	Arable	James Mardall	Dean of Westminster
61.	Field next New Bridge Field	Arable	Hy Sibley	Hy Sibley
62.	Long Whip Field	Arable	" "	" "
63.	Little Oxcroft	Arable	John Dorrington	C.B.D. Garrard
64.	New Bridge	Arable	Hy Sibley	Hy Sibley
65.	Further New Bridge	Arable	James Mardall	Dean of Westminster
66.	Little Widings Field	Arable	Hy Sibley	Hy Sibley
67.	Cottage & Gdns.		Matthew Munt & Others	Abigail Thrale
68.	Ribbon Hall Field	Arable	Edward Bruton	" "
69.	Cottages, Gdns. & Pightle	Arable	Susan Wilshire & Others	Susan Wilshire