

## Gazetteer 7 Stroud area: Kings Stanley, Gloucestershire

<b>Key to Abbreviations:</b>			
<b>BCA</b>	Birmingham City Archives	<b>NA</b>	National Archives
<b>GJ</b>	Gloucester Journal	<b>NGR</b>	National Grid Reference
<b>GRO</b>	Gloucestershire Record Office	<b>NMR</b>	National Monuments Record
<b>HER</b>	Historic Environment Record	<b>OS</b>	Ordnance Survey
<b>HJ</b>	<i>Hereford Journal</i>	<b>TBGAS</b>	Bristol and Glos Arch Society Transactions
<b>HT</b>	<i>Hereford Times</i>	<b>VCH</b>	Victoria County History

<b>No. of orchards on tithe award &amp; map</b>		89	
Most field names recorded simply as orchard, some indicative of size or topographical position (eg. Little Orchard, Lower Orchard Upper Orchard), others associated with buildings (eg. Home Orchard, House, Garden & Orchard and Pigeon House Orchard), others associated with types of land tenure (eg. Scotland Orchard), a small number indicative of fruit type grown such as Crab Tree Orchard and Perry Hill)			
<b>No of orchards on OS 1<sup>st</sup> ed. map (1889)</b>	78	<b>No of orchards on OS 6 inch map (1950)</b>	58
<b>No of orchards on OS 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. map (1905)</b>	70	<b>No of orchards on T.O. Map (2013)</b>	8
<b>Primary Sources: Deeds, Wills etc.</b>			
GRO D873:	Deeds, estate papers and plans relating to the Stanley Park estate: 1541-1948		
GRO D2957/177/48	Deed re. cottage garden & orchard at Kings Stanley - 1611		
GRO D2957/177/25	Deed re. messuage called Giles Meese in Kings Stanley with garden & orchard called The Hayle: 1629		
GRO D2761/50	Deeds re. various properties in Kings Stanley incl. Court Orchard – 1668-70		
GRO D2957/177/45	Deed re. two tenements called Pigeon House with garden & orchard and The Burrough with garden & orchard – 1681		
GRO D678/1 T2/4/90-103	Deeds re. lands in Kings Stanley incl. fine of 1712 re. 'messuage and orchard (formerly called Butthay)': 1709-1758		
GRO D2957/177/33	Mortgage of tenement called the Pigeon House with orchard at Kings Stanley, also a tenement called The Burrough with orchard: 1726		
GRO D2957/177/35	Deed re. tenement garden & orchard in Kings Stanley:1742		
Q/PC/2/48/D/69	Ref to conviction for stealing quantity of tree limbs from orchard in Kings Stanley – 1829		
Q/PC/2/56/A/18	ref to conviction for stealing bushel of apples from orchard in Kings Stanley - 1836		

GRO D1286/1	Deed re. Lower Garden and Hole Orchard, Kings Stanley – 1861
GRO D873/T38	Deeds re. land at Coomb Orchard 1898-1919

### Primary Sources: Estate, tithe maps & plans

GRO D873/T3	Plan of estate at Redhill and Peck Street Farm (with ref to acreage and land use) – 1755
GRO PC/357	Plan of Selsley Common – 1762
GRO GDR/T1/169	Tithe map and apportionment Kings Stanley parish – 1839 (frequent refs to orchards)
GRO D873/P7	Map of property in Kings Stanley (NE of parish) – 1841 (depicts orchards)
GRO D873/T54	Plan of Stanley Park estate – 1849 (with refs to orchards)
GRO D873/T16	Plan of Selsley Hill and surrounding area - 1854

### Primary Sources: Sale Catalogues, Inventories & Land Valuation Surveys

GRO RX348.3GS	Sales particulars of Woodchester Park estate incl. lands in Kings Stanley - 1843
GRO RX177.1GS	Particulars of sale of Stanley Mansion with estate including orchard - 1882
GRO D2299/757	Particulars of estate at Stanley End Farm and the Bell Inn Kings Stanley with plan - 1910
NA IR 58/21268-21274	Land Valuation Survey Field Books for Kings Stanley – 1910 (frequent refs to orchards, types of fruit grown and buildings associated with the orchard industry)
GRO D2299/2055	Sale Catalogue Stanley Park Estate (incl plan) – 1920
GRO D2299/2937	Water End Farm estate Kings Stanley Sales Particulars - 1923
GRO D2299/4038	Sale Catalogue Stanley Hall Estate – 1930

### Illustrations (engravings etc) & Photographic Records (incl. aerials)

GRO	Collections of 19 <sup>th</sup> -early 20 <sup>th</sup> c. photographs of Kings Stanley and Middleyard including CE/G914BRI/CE*CW/G914BRI/CE (Photos of Kings Stanley village -1928)
GRO	Collections of mid to late 20 <sup>th</sup> c. aerial photographs of Kings Stanley including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GRO D8564/88/102/84 - (1988 aerial photo of Middleyard)</li> <li>• GRO D8564/92/192/164 – 168 (1992 aerial photos of Middleyard)</li> <li>• GRO D8564/88/102/86-7 (1988 aerial photos of Kings Stanley)</li> </ul>
NMR CPEUK1961 3059-60	RAF vertical photos of S part of King Stanley - 1947

### Secondary Sources: Antiquarian Accounts, Trade Directories etc.

Rudder, *History of Gloucestershire* (1774) mentions cider as one of the products of the district (p. 685)  
C. Swynnerton (1924) 'The Stonehouse Ham' TBGAS, Vol. 46, 111-125 (ref on p. 115 to Nethercot Orchard)

and Court Orchard at Kings Stanley in court record of 1535)  
 VCH Glos Vol. 10 (1972) ref to Pigeon House Orchard in 1839 (p. 250)  
 Douthwaite & Devine (eds) *Extensive Urban Survey* (rev. 2007) useful historical account of King's Stanley and the archaeology and topography of the medieval and post-medieval settlement

### Secondary Sources: Articles and Newspaper Cuttings

GJ	11 Feb 1799	Ref. to sale of Peck Street House in parish of King Stanley with a cider house and 'four exceeding good orchards'
GJ	25 May 1801	ref to sale of 'eligible and compact freehold estate situate in Kings Stanley' (Selsey) in the possession of Thomas Day, incl. 'cyder mill house and cyder mill' and 'several closes of rich pasture land (the greatest part of which is well planted with fruit trees'.
GJ	18 Feb 1865	ref to sale of stock Middle Yard Farm including 16 hogsheads of prime cider and 14 sacks of hand picked apples
GJ	16 May 1868	ref to sale of Borough Farm King's Stanley with large dwelling house, cider mill and orchards. Estate described as well stocked with fine young fruit trees. Also ref to house and garden called The Blackbirds with valuable orchard adjoining
GJ	20 May 1876	ref to sale of dwelling house occupied by Mr Walter Neale in King Stanley parish with 'a productive orchard containing about 2 ½ acres well stocked with fruit trees in full bearing...having a frontage of about 200 yards to the high road leading from King Stanley to Leonard Stanley'.

### Heritage Assets recorded in HER associated with orchards or orchard industry

HER 3466	Romano-British occupation site at Stoney Piece and Scotland Orchard near Woodside Farm, Middleyard (NGR SO 81300 02500)
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### Assessment of potential for further research and archaeological investigation

**Moderate to High:** There is moderate to high potential for further documentary research on the history of orchards and the orchard industry in this area, with a reasonably large body of estate records, photographs and sale catalogues chiefly held at the GRO, of particular importance being the records of the Woodchester and Stanley Park estates which contain frequent references to orchards and their management dating back to the 16th century.

However, while there is clearly a rich multi-period archaeological resource within Kings Stanley parish, the potential for further investigation of archaeological sites associated with existing traditional orchards in this area is somewhat limited, due to the fact that a significant proportion of orchards in existence c.1950 have since been lost as a result of modern housing development, particularly within the village of Kings Stanley itself, where there has been a considerable loss of orchard sites .