

## Gazetteer 2 Whitbourne/Alfrick area: Whitbourne, Herefordshire

<b>Key to Abbreviations:</b>			
<b>BLHC</b>	Bromyard Local History Centre	<b>HT</b>	<i>Hereford Times</i>
<b>CMH</b>	Cider Museum, Hereford	<b>NA</b>	National Archives
<b>GRO</b>	Gloucestershire Record Office	<b>NGR</b>	National Grid Reference
<b>HER</b>	Historic Environment Record	<b>NMR</b>	National Monuments Record
<b>HJ</b>	<i>Hereford Journal</i>	<b>OS</b>	Ordnance Survey
<b>HRO</b>	Herefordshire Record Office	<b>WC</b>	<i>Worcester Chronicle</i>
		<b>WJ</b>	<i>Worcester Journal</i>

<b>No. of orchards on tithe award &amp; map</b>	184		
Field names include 'Apple Tree Orchard', 'Cherry Orchard' x 12, 'Pear Tree Orchard' x 7, 'Mill Orchard', and several connected to houses/gardens.			
<b>No of orchards on OS 1<sup>st</sup> ed. map (1889)</b>	255	<b>No of orchards on OS 6 inch map (1950)</b>	134
<b>No of orchards on OS 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. map (1905)</b>	216	<b>No of orchards on T.O. Map (2013)</b>	136

<b>Primary Sources: Deeds, Wills etc.</b>	
HRO	Probate inventory of Bellingham Freeman of Old Gaines – 1689 refers to 'sider and perry and beer of all sorts' valued at £18 and hogsheads & barrels valued at £10, together with 2 cider mills valued at £6 (Williams 1979, 75),
HRO	Orchards Farm Bringsty – mentioned by name in 1694 (Williams, 1979, 75)
HRO	will of Mary Davis of Whitbourne (1719) mentions a bequest of 19 hogsheads of cider.
HRO	Elmores End – Deed re. sale of property (1696) refers to provisions for building house for cider mill, a later deed (1701) refers to 'the newly built mill house, erected upon Willie Close' (Williams, 1979, 75).
HRO	New Gaines – 1727 marriage agreement refers to grant of the hopyard called Birchy Leasow with use of the cider mill and hopkilns (Williams, 1979, 75).
BLHC D9/207	Deeds re. Whitbourne Hall estate 1730-1791
BLHC E78	Sale of The Lake, Whitbourne - 1738 (ref to orchards)
BLHC A49/23	Final concord re. sale of 4 messuages, 2 gardens & 5 orchards in Bromyard &

	Whitbourne – 1795
BLHC F12	Copies of deeds re. lands at Bringsty & Whitbourne 1837-1958
HRO AO82/1	Diary of Anne and Alice Bennett of Whitbourne - 1871

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

WRO 705:550/5351/27	Plan of the estate of John Freeman at Whitbourne (Gaines) – 1836
HRO	Whitbourne tithe map and award - 1840
HRO 899:1695 BA15416	Whitbourne Hall Estate Sale catalogue – 1960
Whitbourne Estate collection	Estate plans of Whitbourne (19th c.) (held privately at Dial House)

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

Whitbourne Estate collection	1844- Whitbourne Hall Estate Sale Catalogue (held privately at Dial House)
BLHC A65/4	Brockhampton Estate Sale Catalogue mentions two pastures and pasture orchard and land at Badley Wood
HRO M5/33/31	Gaines Estate sale catalogue - 1918
BLHC A23/1	Gaines Estate Whitbourne Sale catalogue – 1922 (frequent refs to orchards)
HRO M5/33/33	Gaines Estate sale catalogue - 1924
BLHC A23/5	Land at Bringsty Common Whitbourne - 1924
BLHC A23/4	Brook House Bringsty Common Sale Catalogue 1928 (mentions orchards)

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

Publication	Painting - view of Gaines looking towards Worcester (attributed to Jan Griffier 1667- 1718) - appears to show orchards in the background (reproduced in P. Williams, 1979, plate 9)
Cider Museum Hereford	Collection of 20th c. photos of cider mills in Whitbourne parish held at including CMH N333/31A-33A (Longlands Farm stone mill); CMH N333/34A-35A (Longlands Farm single screw press), CMH N333/36A-37A (stone mill at Old Butchers Shop Wishmore); CMH N333/38A-40A (Red Mill, stone mill incorporated into living mill), CMH N334/36-39 N335/17-22 (wooden screw presses at Moseley Bank).
Herefordshire Archaeology HER	collection of aerial photographs of Whitbourne (1999-2000) 00 MB 0519-0520 Photos of DMV W of Tiblands Farm Whitbourne 00 MB 0506 (Photo of relict field system N of Poplands Farm)
BLHC	Large collection of 400 photos (late 19th c. to present) relating to various

farms, houses and agricultural scenes in Whitbourne (some reproduced in Williams, 1979 eg. pl. 21)

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

*Account of Whitbourne parish in Duncumb, Collections Towards the History and Antiquities of the Counties of Hereford Vol. 2 (1812), 235*

*Kelly's Directory of Herefordshire & Shropshire (1895), 177* - apples listed as one of chief crops in parish, and noted that cider is made here.

P. Williams, *Whitbourne, A Bishops Manor (1979)* contains an important discussion of evidence for the development of orchards and the orchard industry in Whitbourne parish (75-76),

- Analysis of crop returns for Whitbourne parish which records 374 acres of orchards in 1880 rising to 472 acres by 1900. By 1910 there were 257 acres of apples, 78 acres of plums, 62 acres of cherries, 19 acres of pears and 29 acres devoted to other fruit crops (Williams, 1979, 76).
- Reference is made to surviving cider mills at the following places: Hamish Park containing a surviving cider press dated 1772 within a barn dated 1825 (75), Moseley Bank 'a mid-17th century timber framed farmhouse with an early cider mill and press (84); Little Tedney, 'a sturdy 17th c. timber framed house with a small cider mill house and hopkiln' (85); a small house below Red Hill 'encased and refaced in brick in about 1800 with two small timber framed barns, one of which holds the cider mill and press (90); Foxhalls, a timber framed house with cider mill and house (100); Yewtree a small 18th century farmhouse with a separate stone cider mill house with outside kitchen (104) Pool Cottage 16th century timber framed house with a later stone cider mill which has been incorporated into the dwelling (105); Brook House, 17th-18th century farmhouse with cider mill house 'which has been extended and incorporated into the rest of the house' (106)

D. Whitehead, *Survey of Historic Parks and Gardens in Herefordshire (2001)* contains a detailed historical account of Gaines (168) Whitbourne Court and Whitbourne Hall (404-5)

- Reference to a garden with fruit trees on Bishop of Hereford's manor of Whitbourne (c.1285) in Whitehead (2001), 404.

### Secondary Sources: Articles and Newspaper Cuttings

HJ	16 Apr 1817	Whitbourne Court ref to sale of estate including walled garden fully cropped and clothed with fruit trees
HJ	3 Feb 1830	Lower Tedney Farm ref to sale of upwards of 30 hogsheads of rich cider and perry with the casks
WH	1830 and 1871	sale of cider and perry with casks (1830), sale of fruit (1871 (2)).
HJ	19 Aug 1840	Sapey Mill ref to sale of mill and estate incl. cider mill & house & two further cider houses and another tenement at Meadow Green with cider mill
HT	2 Jan 1841	Smithy ref to sale of cider and perry and casks
HJ	14 May 1851	Sapey mill ref to sale of cider mill and 2 cider houses
HJ	7 Oct 1857	Hill Grove – ref to sale of cider mill
HT	6 Jan 1877	Whitbourne Court Farm – ref to sale of cider & casks
HT	24 Aug 1878	Poswick Lodge Farm – Sale of orchards

HT	1 Feb 1879	Lower Tedney cider & casks for sale
HT	3 Jan 1880	Elmores End Farm – sale of perry and casks
WC	1887	accident in orchard (1887).
HT	24 Jan 1903	The Poplands Sale of cider & casks
HT	30 Sep 1939	Longlands – Cider press hairs and casks for sale
WJ	1 Oct 1892	Whitbourne Court, account of suspected arson at cider mill

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

PRN 533	Earthworks S and E of Pithouse Farm Lower Tedney, possible deserted medieval settlement	(NGR SO 720 580)
PRN 31507	Earthworks of relict field medieval system, 125m north of Poplands Farm, Whitbourne	(NGR SO 721 569)
PRN 31590	Earthworks of deserted medieval settlement, 355m west of Tiblands Farm, Whitbourne	(NGR SO SO 7017 5429)

#### Assessment of potential for further research and archaeological investigation

**High** – There is significant potential for further documentary and cartographic research on the history of orchards and the orchard industry in Whitbourne parish, with a sizeable number of deeds, wills, estate records, maps and sale catalogues, chiefly held at the HRO although a significant proportion is held privately in the Whitbourne Estate records at Dial House (some copies are held at the BLHC). The Cider Museum at Hereford holds an important collection of 20th century photographs of surviving cider mills within the parish. The BLHC holds a substantial collection (400) of photographs of agricultural scenes and farm buildings (incl. cider mills) in Whitbourne parish. Collections of aerial photos of Whitbourne are held at the Herefs HER & NMR.

Frequent references to orchards and cider mills were also gleaned from local newspapers dating back to the early 19th century. There are relatively few specific sites associated with orchards within this parish which have been identified as having potential for further archaeological investigation although the earthworks of two deserted medieval settlements, one located S and E of Lower Tedney and another W of Tiblands Farm appear to be situated in or close to surviving orchard sites although the extent of these remains uncertain. In terms of built heritage assets, there is a relatively large number of surviving cider mills in Whitbourne parish which merit recording.