

Gazetteer 1 West of Hereford City: Burghill, Herefordshire

Key to Abbreviations:

CMH	Cider Museum, Hereford	NGR	National Grid Reference
HJ	<i>Hereford Journal</i>	NMR	National Monuments Record
HT	<i>Hereford Times</i>	VCH	<i>Victoria County History</i>
NA	National Archives	WCT	<i>Woolhope Club Transactions</i>

No. of orchards on tithe award & map	158		
Several just called 'orchard', and a number attached to houses or gardens. Also 2 called 'Mill Orchard', 3 called 'Pear Tree Orchard' (also a 'Perry Croft') and 1 'Cherry Orchard').			
No of orchards on OS 1st ed. map (1889)	205	No of orchards on OS 6 inch map (1950)	102
No of orchards on OS 2nd ed. map (1905)	209	No of orchards on T.O. Map (2013)	28
Primary Sources: Deeds, Wills etc.			
HRO AW28/32/55-28/34/15	Deeds relating to lands in Burghill, Credenhill and Stretton Sugwas (Stretton Court Farm estate held by Guys Hospital) – 1638-1788 frequent refs to orchards		
WRO 705:24/1549	Deed re. land at Tillington Court at Burghill – 1769 mentions several orchards including Perry Orchard, the Beagleswell Orchard, the Stable Orchard, the Parlour Orchard		

Primary Sources: Estate, tithe maps & plans	
HRO C99/III/216	Survey of Stretton Court – 1757 (extremely detailed perspective plan covers part of Credenhill parish)
HRO C99/III/218	Survey of Stretton Court – 1794
HRO C99/III/246	Survey of Stretton Court estate - 1805
HRO T86/1	Tillington Court estate plan - 1835
HRO C99/III/292	Stretton Court estate plan – 1841
HRO C99/III/293	Plan of Stretton Court Farm estate – 1841
Hereford Cathedral Library	Tillington Court estate plan - 1848
HRO	Burghill tithe map and award - 1847
HRO C99/III/225	Plan of Stretton Sugwas Court Farm estate – 1852
HRO M5/4/17	Burghill Court estate plan - 1872.

Primary Sources: Sale Catalogues, Inventories & Land Valuation Surveys

HRO	Tillington Court Sale Catalogue - 1848
HRO M5/4/17	Burghill Court sale catalogue -1872.
HRO M5/2/30	Burghill Grange sale catalogue -1900
NA IR58/38647-38650	Land Valuation field books – 1910 (frequent refs to orchards (with details of fruit planted) and buildings associated with the orchard industry

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

Cider Museum, Hereford	<p>Collection of 20th century photographs re. orchards and cider making in Hereford Cider Museum including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CMH N72/2-16 (Red House - cidermaking equipment/casks)• CMH N72/17-19 (Bird in Hand Tillington - aspects of defunct mill), CMH N72/20-21 (Bird in Hand Tillington - dray),• CMH N127/2-3 & 6; (Burghill Grange – photos of stone mill),• N477; N478; N479 (Lower House Farm Tillington – photos of stone cider mill; N480-482 (Photo of stone mill and screw press at The Haven Tillington)• N127/4-5 (Burghill Grange - stone chuter),• CMH N269/0-2 2A - 5A (Broomhill Tillington photo of screw press),• CMH N269/7 7A (Broomhill – photo of hooklug used for shaking apples), CMH N269/8-10A (Broomhill - filling barrels using turnpail),• CMH N269/17A, 18 (Broomhill, photo of cider), CMH N269/11 (Broomhill- Fruit laid out above mill). HAJ - Burghill orchard fruit trees (1947).
Herefordshire HER and NMR	Large collection of aerial photographs from 1940s to present

Secondary Sources: Antiquarian Accounts, Trade Directories etc.

- *Post Office Directory of Herefordshire* (1856) p.16 - John Wood, cider retailer mentioned in list of traders. *History, Topography & Directory of Herefordshire* (1858) p.43, mentions orchard adjoining churchyard.
- *Jakeman & Carver's Directory of Herefordshire* (1890) p.146,
- *Kelly's Directory of Herefordshire* (1895) p.33
- RCHME, *Inventory of Historical Monuments in Herefordshire* Vol. II East (1932), 44 Heath Farm Tillington Common has a cider-mill at the N. end; outbuildings at Lion Farm to. of the church, include a late 17th or early 18th-century cider-mill
- Whitehead, *Survey of Historic Parks and Gardens in Herefordshire* (2001), detailed historical account of parks and gardens at Burghill Court, Burghill Grange and Burghill Hospital (77-79) and Tillington Court (378)

Secondary Sources: Articles and Newspaper Cuttings

HJ	2 March 1796	Tillington Court advertised to let, ref to the dovehouse with two large gardens, walled in and stocked with fruit trees, and a hot house well stocked with pines (pineapples)
HT	3 Oct 1857	Ref to sale of cider and casks at Manor House Burghill
HT	10 Feb 1877	cider house for sale at Little Parks Farm Burghill
HT	26 May 1877	Westfield Cottage casks for sale at Burghill
HT	2 Jun 1877	Brick House Tillington cider for sale
HT	2 Jun 1877	Burlton Court cider for sale
HT	21 Jul 1877	Rose Cottage perry casks and bottles for sale
HT	17 Nov 1877	The Boggs & Portway cider mill for sale
HT	12 Jan 1878	Brick Kiln Farm cider casks for sale
HT	9 Nov 1878	Hill Farm cider fruit for sale
HT	7 Jun 1879	Little Burlton Farm cider for sale
HT	21 Feb 1880	The Field Burghill- cider for sale
HT	28 Feb 1880	Lodge Farm, cider for sale
HT	7 July 1883	Manor House, cider mill for sale
HT	8 Sep 1883	cider house and mill for sale in Burghill
HT	11 Jan 1896	Burghill Asylum, letter from Medical Superintendent concerning cider and causes of insanity
HT	12 Feb 1898	Brick Kiln Farm ref to cider casks for sale
HT	27 Aug 1898	Brick House Farm Tillington ref to cider mill for sale
HT	25 May 1901	Tillington Nurseries, letter re. grafting of old fruit trees
HT	13 Jun 1903	Burghill Manor Farm sale of cider mill house and cellar
HT	14 Oct 1905	Haymeadow Farm cider mill and press and cider store for sale
HT	3 Oct 1908	Asylum Farm arrangements for planting of cider fruit trees presented by the National Fruit & cider institute
HT	21 Jan 1911	report on cider yield from Asylum orchards
HT	13 Sep 1913	The New House ref to sale of cider
HT	10 Oct 1914	Asylum Farm Report on visit to experimental orchard at Burghill
HT	4 Oct 1919	Report on inspection of experimental cider orchard at Asylum Farm
		Report on Asylum Orchards (1911 1913). Savidge, C. 1946: Cider apple production in Herefordshire: results from Burghill Trial Orchard, 1931-46 & Mac, F. 2003: Cider in the Three Counties, p.47; - Burghill trial orchard

Heritage Assets recorded in HER associated with orchards or orchard industry

PRN 4709	Tillington Court, medieval moated site occupied by modern mansion	(NGR SO 47089 45633)
PRN 6292	Moat W of Burghill Church – medieval moated site in orchard, reported as destroyed in 1972	(NGR SO 4783 4465)
PRN 6301	Cropmarks of field system in fields W of Tillington Fruit Farm	(NGR 460 440)
PRN 10402	Fishpond and complex of pit and ditch features identified to NE of Tillington Court Farm	(NGR SO 470 450)

Assessment of potential for further research and archaeological investigation

Moderate to High: There is significant potential for further documentary research on the development of orchards and the orchard industry in Burghill parish, aided by a large quantity of historic documents (including deeds and sale catalogues) and maps chiefly held at the HRO.

The Land Valuation field books for Burghill parish (held at the NA) provide a valuable snapshot of the extent and type of orchards planted and also often list buildings associated with cider/perry production. Local newspapers dating back to the late 18th/early 19th century also contain a great deal of information on orchards and buildings and equipment associated with the orchard industry.

Relatively few sites of archaeological interest associated with orchards have been identified within Burghill parish; some sites appear to have been impacted by modern farming practices (eg. a possible moated site located in an orchard W of Burghill church (PRN 6292), largely destroyed by the early 1970s), consequently the potential for further fieldwork in this area has been assessed as moderate, although there is possibly potential for field investigation of earthworks adjacent to Tillington Court, which may contain the remains of 16th-17th century garden features