

## Gazetteer 1 West of Hereford City: Breinton, Herefordshire

### Key to Abbreviations:

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

<b>No. of orchards on tithe award &amp; map</b>	42		
Apportionment includes 6 called simply 'orchard', 2 called 'Peartree orchard' (also a 'Peartree Meadow'), one attached to the Coach and Horses Public House and several connected to houses/buildings/gardens.			
<b>No of orchards on OS 1<sup>st</sup> ed. map (1889)</b>	59	<b>No of orchards on OS 6 inch map (1950)</b>	44
<b>No of orchards on OS 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. map (1905)</b>	49	<b>No of orchards on T.O. Map (2013)</b>	30
<b>Primary Sources: Deeds, Wills etc.</b>			
Hereford Cathedral Library:	Estate accounts and documents for Breinton in the records of the Treasurer of Hereford Cathedral 12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> c (uncatalogued)		
HRO C38/40	Belmont Estate records deeds relating to the Warham estate, 1700-1852		
HRO C38/3/B/1	C38/4/C/1		
HRO J60/20-21	Deeds re. cottage, garden & orchard on Breinton Common, 1821		
HRO J60/47	Deed re. messuage or garden on Breinton Common with orchard - 1878		
HRO J60/50	Deeds re. cottage garden and orchard on Breinton Common 1899 & 1901		
HRO K38/B/1	Valuation of cider & casks at Breinton, 1906		

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

HRO	Tithe map and award for Breinton, 1839
HRO BM27/5/4 –	Plan of Breinton Court estate - 1889

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

HRO M5B/156/10-11	Breinton Court sale catalogue, 1878
HRO BM27/5/4	Breinton Court sale catalogue - 1889
HRO M5/2/23	Description of Breinton Court - 1891

private	Sale catalogue for Upper Breinton Farm (1904)
private	Sale catalogue for Church House Farm, Breinton (1915)
HRO M/5/52	Breinton House & Court sale catalogue, 1916
NA IR 58/38613-38615	Land Valuation Survey Breinton 1910 includes refs to the following: £6 worth of fruit trees at The Common;. 3 1/2 acres fruit trees worth £35 (and cider mill) at Pigeon Pool Farm; 3 1/4 acres fruit trees worth £45 at Breinton Court; 46 acres worth £460 at Wyecliffe Farm; £124 worth of fruit trees at plantation of cider fruit, Upper Breinton; 7 acres worth £600 at The Manor Farm (apples and blackcurrants listed); just £3 worth of fruit trees at Kings Acre. LVS 6 acres of fruit trees worth £80 at Upper Hill; Cider mill and stone loft listed along with £40 worth of fruit trees at Upper Breinton

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

HM James Wathen Collection (1770-1820).	Views of Warham (1791) and Breinton House and gardens
HM Brian Hatton Collection:	The Farm, 18 paintings of Warham Court Farm and surrounding area, early C.20 <sup>th</sup>
HRO BM27/3/2/8	Views of Breinton Court early 20 <sup>th</sup> c.
Cider Museum Hereford	Collections of b/w and colour photographs of orchards and cider mills and equipment including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMH N87 (cart with cider fruit at Bulmer's works),</li> <li>• CMH N264/9A-10A (ornamental stone mill and screw press - Bulmer's)</li> <li>• CMH N1869/1-3 (stone mill), CMH N1958; T192 (apple harvesters),</li> <li>• CMH N1959/1-2 (Cottage Orchard).</li> </ul>
Hereford City Library	Photographs of the 1922 excavations at Breinton Camp moated site (by A. Watkins)
Herefordshire HER and NMR	Large collection of aerial photographs from 1940s to present

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

Price *History of Hereford* (1796), 190-1 description of views of Breinton and Warham across the Wye from Belmont

*Kelly's Directory of Herefordshire and Shropshire* (1909)

*Kelly's Directory of Herefordshire and Shropshire* (1895) - p.25 - 'Cherry Orchard' appears in address; John Phillips mentioned as 'fruit grower and cider merchant'. (both also in Jakeman & Carver's *Directory of Herefordshire* (1890) p.116)

RCHME, *Inventory of Historical Monuments in Herefordshire* Vol. II East (1932), 26-27 ref. to Upper Hill Farm 'the E end of the house forms a cider mill'.

Marshall, WCT Volume for 1921-23, lxviii-lxix (brief account of excavation of Breinton Camp site SW of

church)

Heys, 'Excavations on a medieval site at Breinton, Herefordshire' WCT Vol. 37 pt 3 (1963), 272-94 (Account of excavations in 1959-62 on medieval manorial site to SW of Breinton church known as Breinton Camp)

Whitehead, *Survey of Historic Parks and Gardens in Herefordshire* (2001), contains detailed account of history of Breinton House, Breinton Court & Wyecliffe (49-50) and Warham House (397)

### Secondary Sources: Articles and Newspaper Cuttings

HJ	31 Aug 1836	Kings Acre Breinton Ref. to sale of property at the incl a new house with barn and cider mill
HT	25 Apr 1857	The Cherry Orchard Swainshill, ref to sale of cider and casks
HT	10 Nov 1877	Breinton House, ref to cider fruit for sale
HT	17 Apr 1880	Upper Hill, ref to sale of cider and casks
HT	13 Nov 1880	Warham House, ref to sale of casks
HT	10 Mar 1888	Lower House & Upper Breinton, ref to cider, perry casks and cider hairs for sale
HT	9 Mar 1901	Wye Cliff Farm ref to cider for sale
HT	21 Jul 1906	Manor House Farm ref to cider for sale
HT	18 Apr 1908	Holly Lodge and Swainshill ref to cider mill for sale
HT	4 Dec 1908	letter from HP Bulmer re. advantages of orcharding with mulch grass system (mentions Breinton)
HT	23 Jan 1909	Wye View ref to sale of cider casks
HT	20 Nov 1909	Manor House Breinton, letter on grease banding of apple trees to prevent pests
HT	6 Jan 1912	Breinton Manor ref to sale of apple trees
HT	17 Feb 1917	Church House farm Lower Breinton ref to cider, casks, livestock for sale
HT	17 Aug 1946	Breinton: sale of orchards of dessert, cooking and cider apples

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

PRN 928 (EHE 61)	Medieval moated site SW of church (Breinton Camp) excavated in 1922 & 1959-61
PRN 2474	Orchard mentioned on Tithe.
PRN 6275	Findspot of spindle whorl within old orchard of manor house.
PRN 7229	Earthwork remains in orchard NW of church.
PRN 23044	Orchards in grounds of Breinton House.
PRN 23045	Cider mill at Upper Hill Farm.
PRN 34058	'Extensive orchards' at Wyecliffe Landscape Park

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

**High:** There is high potential for further documentary research on the development of orchards and the orchard industry (esp cider and perry making) in this area, aided by the considerable quantity of documents and maps relating to this parish which are held at the HRO and Hereford Cathedral Archives. A sizeable quantity of information relating to orchards and cider/perry making was also gleaned from local newspapers dating back to the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Hereford Museum holds two particularly important collections of topographical views of Breinton and its environs by James Wathen and Brian Hatton. There is particularly high potential for further archaeological investigation of the medieval manorial enclosure site to the SW of the church (Breinton Camp) which was investigated in 1922 and again in 1959-62 and the earthworks of a possible deserted medieval settlement to the NW, both of which are located within known orchard sites.