

## Gazetteer 6 Tenbury Wells area: Eastham, Worcestershire

<b>Key to Abbreviations:</b>			
<b>BCA</b>	Birmingham City Archives	<b>NGR</b>	National Grid Reference
<b>CMH</b>	Cider Museum, Hereford	<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>WH</b>	Worcester Herald
<b>HRO</b>	Herefordshire Record Office	<b>WJ</b>	Worcester Journal
<b>HT</b>	<i>Hereford Times</i>	<b>WRO</b>	Worcestershire Archives, The Hive
<b>NA</b>	National Archives		

<b>No. of orchards on tithe award &amp; map</b>		109	
Field names include refs to specific fruit types incl. cherry orchard, apple orchard, pear tree orchard and quince hill. Some field names appear to be associated with specific sites or buildings (eg. Stable Orchard, Goose Bridge Orchard, New Bridge Orchard, Wagon House Orchard, School House Orchard). Two field names may be indicative of industrial activity in the vicinity (Lime Hill Orchard & Saw Pit Orchard).			
<b>No of orchards on OS 1<sup>st</sup> ed. map (1889)</b>	87	<b>No of orchards on OS 6 inch map (1950)</b>	81
<b>No of orchards on OS 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. map (1905)</b>	82	<b>No of orchards on T.O. Map (2013)</b>	41
<b>Primary Sources: Deeds, Wills etc.</b>			
BCA	Hanley Court Estate Records – large collection deeds relating to estates in Eastham & Hanley William 17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> c (frequent refs to orchards incl. MS 3312/394693 Lease of half an acre of orchard at Bastwood in Eastham - 1603		
WRO 1/1/653/175-176	Worcs Quarter Sessions 1822 – ref to case of theft of cider from Joseph Minton of Eastham		
WRO 1/1/653/158-159	Worcs Quarter Sessions 1822 John Tew, Mamble, labourer, John Merrick & John Morris, Eastham, accused of stealing cider say they drank it but did not steal it		

<b>Primary Sources: Estate, tithe maps &amp; plans</b>	
WRO BA 748	Plan of estate at Eastham - 1801
WRO 705:550/BA4600/874/ii	Plan of Church Farm estate at Eastham – 1836
WRO 705:27/438/15/xi	Plan of estate at Upper and Lower Villa - 1837
WRO x760/274 BA 1572 &	Tithe map and award for Eastham parish – 1841

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WRO B5403/6-7	Plans of the Hilltop Estate at Evesham 1861-63
WRO 705:550/BA4600/477/ii	Plan of Chimney Park House estate - 1865

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

GRO D6998/1	Extract from Gloucestershire Journal with sale particulars of two farms in Eastham held by John & Elizabeth Phillips - 1786
BCA MS 3312/396704	Valuation of Hillwood estate in Eastham – 1786
BCA MS 3312/396805	Valuation of an estate called The Spout in Eastham - 1786
BCA MS 3312/396806	Terrier of several estates in Eastham - 1794
NA IR 58/61237- 61239	Land Valuation Survey field books – 1910 (frequent refs to orchards (incl. types of fruit grown, apples, pears & damsons)

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

WRO	Collection of 34 photographs of Eastham parish, mostly around the parish church
Publication	A large number of photos of various farms and agricultural activity in Eastham are contained in A. Opperman <i>Eastham within living memory</i> (2000)
Worcs HER and NMR	Collections of aerial photographs of the Eastham parish

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

J.Allies, *On the British, Roman & Saxon Antiquities of Worcestershire* (1852), refs to Quince Hill at Eastham (246)

A. Opperman, *Eastham within living memory* (2000) contains historical account of individual farms and houses within the parish, contains refs to orchards, fruit growing and cider making.

J. Maynard *The Agricultural Labourer in Worcestershire: Responses to Economic Change and Social Dislocation 1790-1841* (2005), contains several incidental reference to fruit growing & cider making in Eastham and the surrounding district

E.E. Lea, *The registers of Eastham* (with Hanley Child and Orleton) and Hanley William, in the Deanery of Burford (1915), Introduction contains useful historical account of the largest estates within the parish with several references to orchards

### Secondary Sources: Articles and Newspaper Cuttings

WJ	20 Sep 1827	ref to sale of Eastham Park comprising family residence and two detached farm houses with hop kilns, cider houses & orcharding
WH	25 Sep 1830	Ref to sale of livestock and household goods/farm implements at Eastham Rectory, incl. 24 cider hairs 27 well-seasoned hogshead casks, 9 capital iron bound casks and a cider tub holding 300 gallons
WH	12 May 1832	Ref to sale of household and farm stock at Upper House Farm, Eastham incl.

		34 excellent hogshead and half-hogshead casks, 20 cider hairs
WJ	29 Sep 1836	Ref to sale of Church Farm Eastham incl farm & outbuildings and orcharding, described as 'well stocked with fruit trees in full bearing'.
WJ	23 Feb 1837	Ref to sale of various estates in Eastham consisting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freehold tenement called 'The Slip' incl. 6 acres of valuable orcharding &amp; hop land</li> <li>• Freehold tenement &amp; lands called 'The Flats' containing 3 acres of 'capital orcharding' &amp; hop land</li> <li>• Freehold tenement &amp; lands called Chimney Park containing 12 acres of 'excellent orcharding and hop land'</li> <li>• Freehold cottage, garden and small orchard at Highwood</li> </ul>
WJ	17 Mar 1853	Sale of Eastham Park estate comprising 289 acres of arable, meadow, pasture and orcharding
HT	7 May 1853	Sale of Eastham Park estate, ref to cider mill and orchards
WJ	29 Jan 1887	Advertisement to let Hill Top Farm, Eastham with hops, fruit and grassland incl. 50 acres of orchards (planted with apple, damson & other fruit trees)

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

WSM06703	Possible site of deserted medieval village (including remains of a possible moated site) at Eastham to SW of parish church (NGR SO 657 687)
WSM06087	Rectangular enclosures, field boundaries and trackways recorded as cropmarks to N and E of Childsgrove Farm Eastham (NGR SO 659 662)
EH 661196	Puddleford Farmhouse & adjoining cider house– 17 <sup>th</sup> c. with later alterations (NGR SO 68437 67992)

#### 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 Eastham parish. There is a reasonably large quantity of documentary material including deeds, estate valuations and sale catalogues held at the WRO and Birmingham City Archives (Hanley Court Papers) dating back to the early 17th century.

A moderate number of references to orchards, cider mills and fruit production in Eastham was gleaned from local newspapers dating back to the early 19th century.

The Land Valuation Survey field books contain a sizeable number references to orchards and buildings associated with the orchard industry.

There is moderate potential for further archaeological investigation of specific sites associated with orchards– of particular interest is the site of a possible deserted medieval settlement (which may also include moated site) located to the SW of Eastham church. There appears to be relatively few surviving buildings specifically associated with the orchard industry (compared to hop kilns) although there is a Grade II listed cider house situated at Puddleford Farm on the E fringes of the parish which may be worthy of further recording.