

## Gazetteer 2 Whitbourne/Alfrick area: Lulsley, Worcestershire

<b>Key to Abbreviations:</b>			
<b>BLHC</b>	Bromyard Local History Centre	<b>NGR</b>	National Grid Reference
<b>BSA</b>	Badsey History Society Archives	<b>NMR</b>	National Monuments Record
<b>CMH</b>	Cider Museum, Hereford	<b>OS</b>	Ordnance Survey
<b>EJ</b>	<i>Evesham Journal</i>	<b>RAF</b>	Royal Air Force
<b>GJ</b>	<i>Gloucester Journal</i>	<b>VCH</b>	<i>Victoria County History</i>
<b>GRO</b>	Gloucestershire Record Office	<b>WCT</b>	<i>Woolhope Club Transactions</i>
<b>HER</b>	Historic Environment Record	<b>WH</b>	<i>Worcester Herald</i>
<b>HJ</b>	<i>Hereford Journal</i>	<b>WJ</b>	<i>Worcester Journal</i>
<b>HRO</b>	Herefordshire Record Office	<b>WRO</b>	Worcestershire Archives, The Hive
<b>HT</b>	<i>Hereford Times</i>	<b>WSM</b>	Worcestershire Sites & Monuments
<b>NA</b>	National Archives		

<b>No. of orchards on tithe award &amp; map</b>	26		
3 names indicative of cherry production, otherwise ordinary names e.g. 'orchard', 'Hardings Orchard' etc..			
<b>No of orchards on OS 1<sup>st</sup> ed. map (1889)</b>	51	<b>No of orchards on OS 6 inch map (1950)</b>	32
<b>No of orchards on OS 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. map (1905)</b>	451	<b>No of orchards on T.O. Map (2013)</b>	11
<b>Primary Sources: Deeds, Wills etc.</b>			
WRO 705/192/5589/66/ii	Deeds relating to property in Lulsley- 1653-77		
BLHC D66/1	Deed re. message, garden, orchard & hopyard at Bates Bush – 1765		
WRO 705/192/5589/6/iii	Deeds relating to property in Lulsley – 1848-65		
WRO 705/192/5589/30/ii	Deeds and other papers relating to Ravenhill Farm, Lulsley – 1880-1909		

<b>Primary Sources: Estate, tithe maps &amp; plans</b>	
WRO 705/192/5589/181	Plan of three farms in Lulsley called Cold Place, Water Slade & Greenstreet – 1766
WRO 705/192/5589/138/i	Plan of Lulsley Court & Cold Place Estate (1810) and plans of other estates in Knightwick, Lulsley & Alfrick (19th c.)
WRO 705/192/5589/171/ii	Plans of Lulsley Court (1829) and other estates in Knightwick, Lulsley & Alfrick (1829-1874)

WRO s266.8 BA 1092/2	Lulsley tithe award & map (1839-40)
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Primary Sources: Sale Catalogues, Inventories & Land Valuation Surveys	
BLHC E78/8/21	Lulsley Court sale particulars, mentions barns & cider mill – 1816-17
WRO 705/550/BA4600/26/ii	Sale particulars of various estates in Lulsley (1817-40)
NA IR58/93580	Land Valuation Survey Field Book for Lulsley - 1910
BLHC A78/8	Broadwas Court estate sale particulars (including Ravenhill Court, Ravenhill Green, The Warren & Hill Farm estates in Lulsley) – 1950
WRO 899:805 BA13843/11	Lulsley Court sale catalogue - 2001

Illustrations (engravings etc) & Photographic Records (incl. aerials)	
WRO	various collections of photographs relating to Lulsley parish, including two photos dated 1952 of a cider press at Ravenshill Farm (photo ref 2249-250) and photos of cherry orchard at Greenstreet Farm (1955) and cider mill in outbuilding at Greenstreet Farm (1955)
NMR	Collection of RAF vertical photographs of Lulsley area, including photograph of Lulsley Court and DMV W of Lulsley Church dated Apr 1946 (NMR RAF 106G/UK/1368 7285-6)

Secondary Sources: Antiquarian Accounts, Trade Directories etc.
<p>Allies, <i>On the Ancient British Roman and Saxon Antiquities and Folklore of Worcestershire</i> (1852) refers to various traditional folk tales concerning Lulsley and cider (esp. 418-9)</p> <p>Noake, <i>Notes and Queries for Worcestershire</i> (1856), 200 recounts tradition that the ‘peasantry of Alfrick and Lulsley occasionally suppose themselves ‘Puck Laden’ (ie misled by that mischievous sprite Puck, alias good old cider and so drawn into ditches and bogs’.</p> <p><i>Post Office Directory of Worcestershire</i>, 1876 - p.1002 - fruit listed as one of main crops (also in <i>Kelly's Directory of Worcestershire</i>, 1896 - p.143; 1892 - p.129; 1900 - p.147 and 1912 - 165).</p> <p>Gaut, <i>History of Worcestershire Agriculture and Rural Evolution</i> (1939) ref to inspection of orchards and plantations at Lulsley</p>

Secondary Sources: Articles and Newspaper Cuttings		
HJ	16 Apr 1817	Lulsley Court ref to sale of estate and cider mill house
HJ	16 April 1817	Cold Place Farm ref to sale of estate and cider mill
WH	8 Nov 1834	Upper Court & Waterslade Farms, ref to sale of farming stock incl. 12 cider hairs, one 200 gallon cask full of old cider and another partially full, 11 hogsheads of new cider and a quantity of excellent cider fruit
WJ	7 Dec 1843	Lower House Lulsley ref to sale of a large quantity of fine table and cider fruits & 2500 gallons of cider & perry
WJ	11 Apr 1844	Lulsley Court, ref to sale of 40 hogsheads of cider and perry

WC	9 June 1858	Lulsley Court ref to sale of estate incl. 5000 gallons of prime cider & perry
WC	13 Oct 1858	Lulsley Court ref. to sale of casks incl. 23 capital hogshead casks, 11 three hundred gallon casks, 6 six hundred gallon casks and cider hairs

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

WSM6718	Lulsley Court 16 <sup>th</sup> century timber framed manor house & extensive outbuildings (NGR SO 744 559)
WSM 11243	Deserted medieval settlement earthworks in former orchard (now mostly under grass) to W of Lulsley Church (NGR SO 744 555)
WSM 54219	Complex of 19 <sup>th</sup> century agricultural buildings including cider house at Greenstreet Farm Lulsley (with cider house located within the farmstead) (NGR SO 7467 5387)

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

**Moderate to High:** There is moderate to high potential for further documentary research on orchards and the orchard industry in Lulsley parish, based on the reasonably large quantity of historic documents and maps available, in particular the Greswolde-Williams estate records held at WRO.

Other relevant collections of documents and photographs are held at the BLHC Library and the NMR. Local newspaper records dating back to the early 19<sup>th</sup> century contain a moderate number of references to orchards and cider/perry making.

The 1910 land valuation survey books held at the NA provide important information on the extent and condition of orchards and associated farm buildings (eg. cider mills) at that time. Although the number of recorded heritage assets associated with orchard sites in Lulsley parish is limited, this probably reflects the relatively small extent of the parish. There is particular potential for investigation of medieval settlement earthworks located in a former orchard site W of Lulsley Church. The unlisted farm buildings including a cider house at Greenstreet Farm Lulsley would also merit further investigation and recording