

The Tithe Award is dated 1840.

Tithe Awards were prepared pursuant to the Tithe Act of 1836. Their purpose was to replace the tithes which had hitherto been paid in kind or by composition into a rent charge on individual pieces of land.

Also known as Apportionment of the rent charge in lieu of tithes.

Whereas an award of Rent-Charge in lieu of Tithes in the Parish of Brinkworth in the County of Wilts was, on the twelfth day of October in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty, confirmed by the Tithe Commissioners for England and Wales, of which Award, with the Schedule therein comprised & annexed, the following is a copy.

Know all men by these presents that I Aneurin Owen having been duly appointed and sworn an assistant Tithe Commissioner according to the provisions of the Act for the Commutation of Tithes in England and Wales and having been also duly appointed to ascertain and award the total sum to be paid by way of Rent charge instead of the tithes of the parish of Brinkworth in the County of Wilts Do hereby award as follows that is to say.

Whereas I have held a meeting in the said parish touching the matter aforesaid of which meeting due notice was given for the information of the landowners and titheowners of the said parish Know all men by these presents that I Aneurin Owen having been duly appointed and sworn an assistant Tithe Commissioner according to the provisions of the Act for the Commutation of Tithes in England and Wales and having been also duly appointed to ascertain and award the total sum to be paid by way of Rent charge instead of the tithes of the parish of Brinkworth in the County of Wilts Do hereby award as follows that is to say.

Whereas I have held a meeting in the said parish touching the matter aforesaid of which meeting due notice was given for the information of the landowners and titheowners of the said parish

And whereas I find that the estimated quantity in Statute measure of all the lands of the said Parish amounts to Five thousand four hundred and fifty acres two roods & nine perches which are cultivated as follows that is to say.

Four hundred and seventy two acres as arable land.

Three thousand one hundred and eighty one acres as meadow and pasture land

Thirty two acres as homesteads

One thousand six hundred and thirteen acres is tithe free, and

One hundred and fifty two acres is Glebe Lands.

And whereas I find that certain lands in the said parish are free by prescription from any render of tithes as particularized in the schedule annexed to this award And whereas I find that the Rector of the said parish for the time being is entitled to all the tithes thereof except as before excepted And whereas I have estimated the clear annual value of the said tithes in the manner directed by the said Act of Parliament and have also taken into account the rates and assessments paid in respect of such tithes during the seven years of average prescribed by the said Act

Now know ye that I the said Anuerin Owen do hereby award that the annual sum of Seven hundred and forty pounds by way of Rent charge subject to the provisions of the said Act shall be paid to the Rector of the said parish for the time being instead of the tithes arising in the said parish except the Glebe, and that the further sum of Thirty Pounds by way of Rent charge subject to the provisions of the said Act shall be paid to the said Rector for the time being instead of the tithes arising from the Glebe lands of the said parish and a proportionate sum for any part thereof when not in the occupation of the Rector himself.

And I do hereby further award that the said Rent charges shall commence on the First day of April preceding the confirmation of the Apportionment. In testimony whereof I the said Aneurin Owen have hereunto set my hand this second day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty.

Schedule

To the above Award specifying those lands in the said Parish which are Tithe free by prescription.

Owners		Occupiers		Estates	Measures		
Surname	Forenames	Surname	Forename		Acres	Roods	Perches
Suffolk	Earl of	Clarke	Walter	Penns Lodge	158	0	1
Suffolk	Earl of	Hunt	Joseph	Yorks	92	3	25
Suffolk	Earl of	Harding	Thomas	Church Farm	56	2	6
Suffolk	Earl of	Lewis	Martha	Braydon	30	0	11
Suffolk	Earl of	Stratton	James	Close and Garden	1	2	10
Suffolk	Earl of	Moody	Joseph	Fernhill	97	0	28
Suffolk	Earl of			Sundays Hill	76	3	30
Suffolk	Earl of	Clarke	Jacob	Barns	4	0	10
Suffolk	Earl of	Nicholls	John	Pitts Land	9	1	22
Suffolk	Earl of	Poor		The Furlongs	14	3	12
Suffolk	Earl of	Suffolk	Earl of	Woodhill Copse	44	0	10
Suffolk	Earl of	Priddy	Richard	Braydon	40	3	16
Suffolk	Earl of	Potter	William	Weeks Farm	108	0	27
Suffolk	Earl of	Walker	John	Hundred Acres	107	1	23
Holland	Lord	Holland	Lord	Great Wood	175	0	0
Holland	Lord	Adey	Henry	Whites Farm	104	3	35
Holland	Lord	Hathway	James	Grittenham House	174	0	33
Holland	Lord	Sutton	John	Snells	187	3	4
Baker	William	Adey	John	Lodge Farm	14	2	34
Robertson	James	Robertson	James	Malthouse	39	1	21
Buckland	John	Heath	Samuel	Fritters Well	23	0	10
Stratton	Undecimus	Whitfield	Hungerford	Rouselans	52	2	1
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Gross Rent Charge payable to the Titheowner in lieu of Tithes for the Parish of Brinkworth in the County of Wilts including Tithe of Glebe Seven hundred and seventy two pounds

Value in Imperial Bushels and Decimal Parts of an Imperial Bushel of Wheat, Barley and Oats.

	Price per Bushel	Bushels and Decimal Parts		
Wheat	7s 0¼d	733.05638		
Barley	3s 11½d	1300.21053		
Oats	2s 9d	1871.51515		