

## MAUGERSBURY IN THE DOMESDAY BOOK

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*"XII The Land of St Mary of Evesham*

*IN SALMONSBURY HUNDRED*

*The Church of St Mary of Evesham holds MAUGERSBURY near Stow-on-the-Wold. There were 8 hides TRE, and a ninth hide belongs to the Church of St Edward. King Aethelraed gave it there quit. In demesne are 3 ploughs; and 12 villans and 1 free man and a priest having among them 7 ploughs. There are 6 slaves, and a mill rendering 8s, (and) a certain amount of meadow. TRE it was worth 100s; now £7."*

There are 88 Noted Landholders of Gloucestershire of which the twelfth on the list is The Abbey of Evesham. There is also mention of Adlestrop, Bourton-on-the-Water and Broadwell in the SALMONSBURY HUNDRED. The other Hundred of St Mary of Evesham is the WITLEY HUNDRED which includes Upper Swell, Willersey, Weston-on-Avon, Stoke and Hidcote Bartrim.

### GLOSSARY

<u>DEMESNE</u>	Land "in Lordship" whose produce is devoted to the Lord rather than his tenants (1) Manors held in the Lord's personal possession as opposed to those granted to his men: (2) that part of an individual estate exploited directly for the Lord's "home-farm". Also expressed as INLAND (Old English), as opposed to WARLAND.
<u>HIDE</u>	The standard unit of assessment to tax, especially GELD. Notionally the amount of land which would support a household; divided into four VIRGATES
<u>TRE</u>	(abbr. for Latin Tempore Regis Edwardi). The formula commonly used in Domesday Book to indicate the position "in the time of King Edward", i.e. before the Conquest in 1066
<u>VILLAN</u>	A peasant of higher economic status than a BORDAR and living in a village. Notionally unfree because subject to the manorial Court.
<u>s</u>	Shilling
<u>WARLAND</u>	Land which owes service (as opposed to the exempt DEMESNE or INLAND); thus land held by peasants and tenants as opposed to their LORD.
<u>HUNDRED</u>	An administrative sub-division of the SHIRE with fiscal, judicial and military functions. The men of the hundred are the members of the hundred-court. The number and size of the hundreds varies greatly from shire to shire, but notionally, and sometimes actually, comprises 100 (or a 'long' hundred of 120) hides.
<u>GELD</u>	The English land-tax assessed on the HIDE.
<u>VIRGATE</u>	One-quarter of a HIDE