

## Buckinghamshire Posse Comitatus 1798

Complete returns for the Posse Comitatus of 1798 survive for no county in England and Wales other than Buckinghamshire. Summaries or partial lists exist for some counties, while for others there is merely an allusion in the lieutenancy papers to the returns being made, or else no record at all.

The Posse Comitatus for Buckinghamshire survives in two manuscript copies. One is in the British Library (Stowe MSS 805 and 806) and the other is in the Buckinghamshire Record Office (LIP 15 and 16). Each consists of two bound volumes of approximately 1100 pages excluding attached tables and circulars.

The copy in the British Library is altogether the neater of the two with, for example, all Christian names written out in full, whereas the copy in the Buckinghamshire Record Office appears to be the work of several different hands, is generally more untidily written and usually abbreviates Christian names. It also lacks some of the summary tables included in the copy in the British Library.

From this circumstantial evidence it might be assumed that the Buckinghamshire Record Office manuscript was the original working compilation from individual parish returns and the British Library copy a subsequent presentation version to the lord lieutenant, the Marquess of Buckingham.

There is, however, no substantial difference in the text of either copy, the Buckinghamshire Record Office version being the text reproduced here.

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#### Farmers

Avery Kimberley  
William Neighbour  
Charles Perryman  
David Perryman  
Richard Sedding      Lame

#### Carpenters

John Quick            Infirm  
Richard Sired

#### Taylor

Samuel Smith

#### Chairmaker

Jeremiah Dell

#### Servants

James Bear  
William Biggs  
Thomas Dearlove  
Robert Hicks  
Joseph Landan  
William Money  
Job Walker  
William the Milkman)  
George the Carter)    At Thomas Seddings. Refused to tell their Surnames

#### Labourers

John Beirns  
Thomas Belson  
John Broadway

William Budden  
 Francis Chear  
 John Clemmons  
 John Cox  
 Robert Cox Snr  
 Robert Cox Jnr  
 William Cox           Lame  
 James Ellwood  
 John Herrington  
 James Howell  
 John Hubbard  
 Thomas Jones  
 William Lack  
 John Martin  
 William Martin  
 John Middleton  
 Thomas Neal  
 Thomas Newell  
 Robert Osborn  
 Richard Parker  
 John Smith  
 William Tacket           Crooked knee  
 Robert Tarrant  
 Thomas Tarrant  
 Thomas Thorne  
 Jacob Wells  
 Richard Weston  
 Thomas Weston  
**No Description**  
 Moses Ellstone  
 Joseph Houghs  
 Richard Slamacher  
 Richard Stallwood

**Buckinghamshire to wit Hundred of Burnham.** A Register of the Names of the Persons within the said Hundred who keep Draught Horses, Waggons or Carts of Burthen, the Numbers thereof by them respectively kept and of the Persons Occupying any Wind or Water Corn Mill with the Average of the Weekly Quantity of Corn that can be Ground thereat as returned by the Petty Constables within the said Hundred in pursuance of a precept from John Penn Esq, High Sheriff of the said County bearing date the 16th day of February 1798. For the better ascertaining the Civil power of the said County.

**DORNEY**

Persons keeping	Draught Horses	Waggons	Carts
Avery Kimberley	4	1	1
William Neighbour	6	1	2
Sir Charles Palmer, Bt	4	1	2
David Perryman	5	1	2
Richard Sedding	21	3	4
Thomas Sedding	6	1	2
Widow Sedding	8	2	3
Thomas Weston	2		1
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