

# WORCESTERSHIRE

**ALVECHURCH** 4026 2723. Borough c.1290 (BF, supplement, p. 64). 1334 Subsidy £65.19. See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 253.

- M** (Grant: other) Wed; *mercatum*, gr 20 Oct 1224, by K Hen III to bp of Worcester. To be held until the king came of age (C 60/20 m. 1).
- M** (Charter) Wed; gr 23 Dec 1239, by K Hen III to Walter, bp of Worcester (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 248).
- M** (Charter) Sat; gr 7 May 1270, by K Hen III to Godfrey, bp of Worcester. To be held at the manor (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 139). *VCH* states that this grant was intended to change the day of the market from Wed to Sat. Market fell into disuse, probably before the mid seventeenth century (*VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 253).
- F** (Charter) vfm, Lawrence (10 Aug); gr 23 Dec 1239, by K Hen III to Walter, bp of Worcester (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 248). On 7 May 1270, K Hen III granted the fair to Godfrey, bp of Worcester, to be held at the manor (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 139). Fair recorded at the end of the eighteenth century, but had fallen into disuse by 1850 (*VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 253).

**BEWDLEY** 3785 2754. Borough 1367 (BF, p. 182). Philippa, widow of Edmund Mortimer, held Bewdley until her death in 1382. The manor remained in the Mortimer family until 1433, when it passed to Richard, duke of York (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 309). Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 472). Fair in 1587, 30 Nov (Harrison, p. 397). See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iv, pp. 301–3.

- M** (Charter) Wed; gr 2 Jun 1375, by K Edw III to Philippa de Mortuo Mari, countess of March for her life and then to Edmund, the king's son [*sic*] and his heirs. To be held at the town, which Philippa holds in dower of the inheritance of the king's son [*sic*] Edmund, earl of March (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 229). Granted by K Hen VI to Richard, duke of York on 9 Dec 1446 (*CChR*, 1427–1516, p. 72). Market appears to have been held in 1612, but had fallen into disuse by 1792 (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 303).
- M** (Letter Patent) Sat; gr 2 Jun 1507, by K Hen VII to bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Beaudeley [Bewdley] (*CPR*, 1494–1509, p. 525). Market continued into the twentieth century (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 303).
- F** (Charter) vfm, Trans of Thomas the Martyr (7 Jul); gr 2 Jun 1375, by K Edw III to Philippa de Mortuo Mari, countess of March for her life and then to Edmund, the king's son [*sic*] and his heirs. To be held at the town, which Philippa holds in dower of the inheritance of the king's son [*sic*] Edmund, earl of March (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 229). There is no further evidence for the fair (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 302).
- F** (Charter) vfm, Leonard the A (6 Nov); gr 2 Jun 1375, by K Edw III to Philippa de Mortuo Mari, countess of March for her life and then to Edmund, the king's son [*sic*] and his heirs. To be held at the town, which Philippa holds in dower of the inheritance of the king's son [*sic*] Edmund, earl of March (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 229). There is no further evidence for the fair (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 302).
- F** (Charter) f, Agatha the virgin (5 Feb); gr 9 Dec 1446, by K Hen VI to Richard, duke of York. To be held at the town (*CChR*, 1427–1516, p. 72). Fair may have continued until 1612, but had been discontinued by 1792 (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 303).
- F** (Letter Patent) f, George the martyr (23 Apr); gr 2 Jun 1507, by K Hen VII to bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Beaudeley [Bewdley] (*CPR*, 1494–1509, p. 525). Fair continued into the twentieth century (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 303).
- F** (Letter Patent) f, Andrew the apostle (30 Nov); gr 2 Jun 1507, by K Hen VII to bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Beaudeley [Bewdley] (*CPR*, 1494–1509, p. 525). Fair recorded in 1612 and 1792 (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 303).
- F** (Letter Patent) f, Anne (26 Jul); gr 2 Jun 1507, by K Hen VII to bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Beaudeley [Bewdley] (*CPR*, 1494–1509, p. 525). Fair recorded in 1612 and 1792, but had fallen into disuse by 1810 (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 303).

**BROADWAY** 4095 2373. Borough 1388 (BF, p. 182). 1334 Subsidy £64.50. See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iv, pp. 37–8.

- M** (Grant: other) Wed; *forum*, gr 1196, by K Ric I to A of Pershore (*Chancellor's Roll*, 8 Ric I, p. 15).



- M** (Charter) Tues; gr 8 Aug 1251, by K Hen III to brother Elerius, A of Persor and the C (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 365). *VCH* states that the market fell into disuse before the seventeenth century (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 38).
- F** (Charter) vfm, John the Baptist (24 Jun); gr 8 Aug 1251, by K Hen III to brother Elerius, A of Persor and the C (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 365). Feast given as John the Baptist in the *Calendar of Charter Rolls*; *VCH* states that it was held on the Nativity of John the Baptist (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, pp. 37–8).

**BROMSGROVE** 3960 2705. Borough 1295 (BF, supplement, p. 64). 1334 Subsidy £101.25. Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 472). See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 21.

- M** (Charter) Wed; *mercatum*, gr 27 Apr 1200, by K John to Hugh Bard' [Bardolf] (*RCh* p. 55).
- M** (Letter Close) Tues; *mercatum*, gr 30 Jan 1250, by K Hen III (*CR*, 1247–51, p. 260). To be held at the manor. Mandate to the sh of Worcester to proclaim the market and cause it to be held.
- M** (Charter) Tues, gr 30 Sept 1317, by K Edw II to John de Mortuo Mari, king's yeoman. To be held at the manor (*CChR*, 1300–26, pp. 366–7).
- M** (Prescriptive: borough) Thurs; recorded 1468. (*VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 21).
- F** (Charter) vfm, Decollation of John the Baptist (29 Aug); gr 30 Sept 1317, by K Edw II to John de Mortuo Mari, king's yeoman. To be held at the manor (*CChR*, 1300–26, pp. 366–7). *VCH* does not provide any further evidence for this fair (*VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 21).

In 1232, a day was given to the men of Bromsgrove and the men of Thomas of Warwick and William de Cantilup' to hear judgement on their plea of toll and the raising of a market. A judgement was not given in this legal case, as it was being discussed with the king (*CRR*, xiv, no. 2153). The location of the market was not specified.

**CLENT** 3919 2797. 1334 Subsidy £25.38. In Worcestershire in 1086, but transferred to Staffordshire soon after. Transferred back to Worcestershire in 1844 (*Guide*, ii, p. 475). See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 51.

- F** (Charter) vf+2, Kenelm (17 Jul); *feria* gr 3 Nov 1253, by K Hen III to Roger de Somery. To be held at the manor (*Roles Gascons*, 1242–54, no. 2192; *CPR*, 1247–58, p. 253). Fair continued until the nineteenth century (*VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 51).

**CLIFTON ON TEME** 3715 2616. Borough 11 May 1270 (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 140). 1334 Subsidy £22. See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 31.

- M** (Charter) Thurs; gr 11 May 1270, by K Hen III to Roger son of Roger de Mortuo Mari (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 140). There is no further evidence for the market (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 248).
- F** (Charter) vf+2, Margaret (20 Jul); gr 11 May 1270, by K Hen III to Roger son of Roger de Mortuo Mari (*CChR*, 1257–1300, p. 140). There is no further evidence for the fair (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 248).

**DROITWICH** 3900 2633. Borough 1086 (BF, p. 182). Mint 1042–66. 1334 Subsidy £106.67. Roman *Salinae*; centre of commercial salt production from the eighth century. Borough in Domesday Book (Darby, p. 368). Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 472). See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 78.

- M** (Prescriptive: borough, mint). No information for the medieval market. *VCH* provides no information for the market, except that a charter of K James I changed the day from Mon to Fri (*VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 79).
- F** (Charter) f+7, Trans of Andrew and Nicholas (9 May); *feria* gr 1 Aug 1215, by K John to burgesses of Wich. To be held in the town (*RCh*, p. 216b). Mandate to the sh of Worcester to let the burgesses have the fair, 2 Aug 1215 (*RLC*, i, p. 224). On 19 Dec 1330, the burgesses were granted two fairs in lieu, one on the vfm Trans of Thomas the Martyr (7 Jul) (*CChR*, 1327–41, p. 195).
- F** (Charter) vf+3, Simon and Jude (28 Oct); gr 19 Dec 1330, by K Edw III to burgesses of Droitwich. One of two fairs granted in lieu of the fair on Trans Andrew and Nicholas (*CChR*, 1327–41, p. 195). A fair on v+2 Simon and Jude was granted by Qu Mary (*VCH Worcestershire*, iii, pp. 78–9).

**EARL'S CROOME** 3871 2420. See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 318.

- F** (Prescriptive) Lawrence (10 Aug); recorded fifteenth century. Held at 'Herdwell' in Earl's Croome. *VCH* does not provide any further evidence for the fair (*VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 318).

**ELMLEY CASTLE** 3982 2410. 1334 Subsidy £47. See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 341.

- M** (Charter) Wed; *mercatum*, gr 18 Feb 1254, by K Hen III to William de Beauchamp of Elmley. To be held at the manor (*Roles Gascons*, 1242–54, no. 2393; *CPR*, 1247–54, p. 272). Market recorded in 1274–5, but thereafter there is no further evidence for it (*VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 341).
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- F** (Charter) vfm, Leonard in the summer (not known); *feria* gr 18 Feb 1254, by K Hen III to William de Beauchamp of Elmley. To be held at the manor (*Roles Gascons*, 1242–54, no. 2393; *CPR*, 1247–54, p. 272). There is no further evidence for the fair (*VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 341).

**EVESHAM** 4037 2437. Borough late twelfth century (BF, p. 183; BF, supplement, p. 64). 1334 Subsidy £124.13. Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 472). Fair in 1587, Mon after Easter (Harrison, p. 393). See also *VCH Worcestershire*, ii, pp. 371–81.

- M** (Prescriptive: borough) recorded 1214, *forum*, held by Evesham abbey (W.D. Macray ed., *Chronicon Abbatiae de Evesham* (London, 1863), p. 75). A spurious writ of K Wil I, confected in the twelfth or thirteenth century, confirms K Edw the Confessor's supposed grant to Evesham abbey for the *port et mercatio* at Evesham, a grant attributed to 1055 by the thirteenth century abbey chronicle (*Regesta* 1066–87, no. 133; W.D. Macray ed., *Chronicon Abbatiae de Evesham* (London, 1863), p. 216). On 2 Oct 1546, the weekly market formerly held by Evesham abbey was granted by K Hen VIII to Sir Philip Hoby (*L and P Henry VIII*, 21 pt 2, no. 332 (8)). The market may have been held on Mon (*VCH Worcestershire*, ii, pp. 380–1).

On 2 Oct 1546, K Hen VIII granted to Sir Philip Hoby the three annual fairs in Evesham, which formerly belonged to Evesham abbey.

**FECKENHAM** 4009 2616. 1334 Subsidy £53. See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 115.

- M** (Letter Close) Thurs; *mercatum*, gr 7 Apr 1237, by K Hen III. To be held at the manor. Mandate to the sh of Worcestershire to proclaim the market and cause it to be held (*CR*, 1234–7, p. 429). Mandate to the sh of Worcester to proclaim the market and cause it to be held, 6 Sept 1250 (*CR*, 1247–51, p. 319). Mandate to the sh of Worcester to proclaim that the day of the market was to be changed from Thurs to Sat and cause it to be held, 23 Feb 1253 (*CR*, 1251–3, p. 323). Market ceased to be held by the late eighteenth century (*VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 115).
- F** (Letter Close) vf+2, Nativity of John the Baptist (24 Jun); *feria* gr 7 Apr 1237, by K Hen III (*CR*, 1234–7, p. 429). To be held at the manor. Mandate to the sh of Worcestershire to proclaim the fair and cause it to be held.
- F** (Letter Close) vf, Decollation of John the Baptist (29 Aug); gr 6 Sept 1250, by K Hen III (*CR*, 1247–51, p. 319). Mandate to the sh of Worcester to proclaim the fair and cause it to be held.

**HALESOWEN** 3970 2838. Borough 1216x72 (BF, p. 183; BF, supplement, p. 64). 1334 Subsidy £135. Part of Halesowen had been in Shropshire since the late eleventh century. It was finally transferred to Worcestershire in 1844 (Glasscock, p. 256). See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iii, pp. 136, 141.

- M** (Grant: other) Wed; gr 1220, by K Hen III to A and M of Hal' [Halesowen]. *Nova Oblata*: they owed one palfrey for the market and fair (see below) but were pardoned by writ of the king (*PR*, 4 Hen III, p. 176). This grant was noted on 28 Oct 1221 (*RLC*, i, p. 477). A market held by the A of Halesowen was recorded in 1243 (*CRR*, xvii, no. 2199).
- M** (Charter) Mon; gr 23 Apr 1344, by K Edw III to A and C of Hales Oweyn [Halesowen] (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 31). To be held at the manor.
- F** (Grant: other) vf Denis (9 Oct); gr 1220, by K Hen III to A and M of Hal' [Halesowen]. *Nova Oblata*: they owed one palfrey for the fair and the market (see above) but were pardoned by writ of the king (*PR*, 4 Hen III, p. 176). This grant was noted on 28 Oct 1221 (*RLC*, i, p. 477). Mandate to the sh of Worcestershire that the fair on vf Denis would henceforth be held on vf Kenelm (17 Jul) until the king came of age, 5 Jul 1223 (*RLC*, i, p. 553). A fair of Kenelm, held in the chapel yard, was recorded in 1736 (*VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 141).
- F** (Charter) f+3, Barnabas the apostle (11 Jun); gr 23 Apr 1344, by K Edw III to A and C of Hales Oweyn [Halesowen] (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 31). To be held at the manor.

Markets and fairs appear to have fallen into disuse before 1608 (*VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 141).

**HANLEY CASTLE** 3839 2419. 1334 Subsidy £64.50. See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 97.

- M** (Prescriptive) Tues; recorded 20 Apr 1219, *mercatum*, held by K Hen III. Mandate to the sh of Worcestershire that the market that the king had previously ordered to be held on Tues would henceforth be held on Thurs (*RLC*, i, p. 390). This is the only evidence for the market (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 97).



**HOLT** 3829 2625. 1334 Subsidy £53.44. The grid references and the valuation in the 1334 lay subsidy relate to Holt. See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 404.

**F** (Charter) f, Mary Magdalen (22 Jul); gr 13 Jul 1373, by K Edw III to John de Beauchamp, the king's squire. To be held in the place called 'le Rode' in the parish of Holt (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 228). *VCH* provides no further evidence for the fair (*VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 404).

**KEMERTON** 3946 2368. 1334 Subsidy £88.50. Transferred from Gloucestershire to Worcestershire in 1931 (*Guide*, ii, p. 481). See also *VCH Gloucestershire*, viii, pp. 211, 213.

**M** (Grant: other) Tues; *mercaturum*, gr 5 Sept 1218, by K Hen III to Henry son of Gerold. Mandate to the sh of Gloucestershire to cause him to have the market, 5 Sept 1218 (*RLC*, i, p. 369). There is no further evidence for the market (*VCH Gloucestershire*, viii, p. 213).

**KIDDERMINSTER** 3831 2769. Borough early thirteenth century (BF, p. 183). 1334 Subsidy £86.25. Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 472). See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 166.

**M** (Prescriptive: borough) recorded fourteenth century (*VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 163). There may have been a market on more than one day.

**F** (Charter) vfm, Bartholomew (24 Aug); *feria* gr 16 Jan 1228, by K Hen III to Amaurico de Sancto Amando (*CPR*, 1225–32, p. 175). To be held at the manor.

**F** (Charter) vf, Bartholomew (24 Aug); gr 4 Mar 1238, by K Hen III to John Bisset. To be held at the manor (*CR*, 1242–7, p. 235). Fair recorded in 1694, but thereafter fell into disuse (*VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 166).

**LINDRIDGE** 3675 2690. 1334 Subsidy £83.25. See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 443.

**M** (Charter) Wed; gr 24 Jul 1236, by K Hen III to ch of St Mary, Worcester and the P and M (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 220). To be held at the manor. Mandate to the sh of Worcester to read the charter in full session of the county court and to proclaim the market and cause it to be held, 24 Jul 1236 (*CR*, 1234–7, p. 293). *VCH* provides no further evidence for the market (*VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 443).

**Old Swinford**, *see* **STOURBRIDGE**

**OMBERSLEY** 3844 2635. 1334 Subsidy £118.06. See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 462.

**M** (Charter) Mon; gr 10 May 1354, by K Edw III to A and C of Evesham. To be held at the manor (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 140); conf 18 Nov 1467 by K Edw IV to Richard, A of Evesham (*CPR*, 1467–77, p. 67). Market had fallen into disuse by the Dissolution (*VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 462).

**F** (Charter) f+3, Barnabas (11 Jun); gr 10 May 1354, by K Edw III to A and C of Evesham. To be held at the manor (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 140); conf 18 Nov 1467 by K Edw IV to Richard, A of Evesham (*CPR*, 1467–77, p. 67). *VCH* provides no further evidence for the fair (*VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 462).

**PERSHORE** 3949 2458. Borough 1086 (BF, p. 184). Mint 1042–66. 1334 Subsidy £63.25. Borough in Domesday Book (Derby, p. 368). Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 472). See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iv, pp. 152–4.

**M** (Prescriptive: borough, mint) Sun; recorded 30 Jan 1219, *mercaturum*, when the day of the market was changed from Sun to Tues (*RLC*, i, p. 387). The market was held jointly by the A of Pershore and the A of Westminster. Ministers' accounts for the borough show that from the time of K Hen IV onwards, the A of Pershore received no income from the market stalls, as they were all empty. Market continued until c.1876 (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 154).

**F** (Letter Close) vfm, Edburga (15 Jun); *feria* gr 19 Mar 1226, by K Hen III to A of Pershore. To be held at the manor until the king came of age (*RLC*, ii, p. 103). On 4 Feb 1227, K Hen III granted the monastery of Pershore a fair on vf+2 Edburga in the Summer (*CChR*, 1227–57, p. 2). On 5 Feb 1227, the sh of Worcester was instructed that the king had conceded the fair to the A of Pershore in perpetuity by his charter and was ordered to proclaim the fair and cause it to be held (*RLC*, ii, p. 169). Fair granted to William Sheldon and Francis Sheldon in 1544 (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 154).

**ROCK** 3733 2712. No valuation for Rock in 1334 Lay Subsidy, but Rock Moor and Coningswick valued at £10.50. See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 307, 320.

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- M** (Charter) Wed; gr 10 May 1328, by K Edw III to Henry de Ribesford. To be held at the manor. (*CChR*, 1327–41, p. 84).
- F** (Charter) f+2, Margaret (20 Jul); gr 10 May 1328, by K Edw III to Henry de Ribesford. To be held at the manor. (*CChR*, 1327–41, p. 84).

**SEVERN STOKE** 3856 2440. 1334 Subsidy £41.19. See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 193.

- M** (Charter) Mon; gr 15 Mar 1310, by K Edw II to Robert de Clifford. To be held at the manor. (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 134). *VCH* provides no further evidence for the market (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 193).
- F** (Charter) vfm, Faith (6 Oct); gr 15 Mar 1310, by K Edw II to Robert de Clifford. To be held at the manor. (*CChR*, 1300–26, p. 134). *VCH* provides no further evidence for the fair (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 193).

**STOURBRIDGE** 3887 2832. Stourbridge is adjacent to Old Swinford. St George's chapel, Windsor, acquired one third of Old Swinford. This was presumably cancelled in 1485, when the manor of Stourbridge and the manor of Old Swinford passed to Thomas, earl of Ormond. The manors descended jointly until the nineteenth century (*VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 219). Old Swinford was valued at £34.25 in the 1334 Lay Subsidy; Stourbridge was not assessed (Glasscock, p. 353). Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 472). See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iii, pp. 213–16.

- M** (Letter Patent) Tues; gr 14 Nov 1482, by K Edw IV to dean and Ca of the king's free chapel of St George within the castle of Windsor [St George's chapel, Windsor]. To be held at the town of Old Swinford and Stourbridge (*CPR*, 1476–85, p. 333).
- M** (Letter Patent) Fri; gr 4 Jul 1486, by K Hen VII to Thomas Ormond, kn, earl of Ormond. To be held at the lordship or manor of Stourbridge (*CPR*, 1485–94, pp. 125–6). Market probably replaced that granted in 1482. Market recorded in 1792 and 1888; it continued in the twentieth century (*VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 216).
- F** (Letter Patent) f, Edw the Confessor (13 Oct); gr 14 Nov 1482, by K Edw IV to dean and Ca of the king's free chapel of St George within the castle of Windsor [St George's chapel, Windsor]. To be held at the town of Old Swinford and Stourbridge (*CPR*, 1476–85, p. 333). On 4 Jul 1486, K Hen VII granted Thomas Ormond, kn, earl of Ormond a fair on f Edw king and confessor, to be held at the lordship or manor of Stourbridge (*CPR*, 1485–94, pp. 125–6).
- F** (Letter Patent) f, Augustine (26 May(?)); gr 14 Nov 1482, by K Edw IV to dean and Ca of the king's free chapel of St George within the castle of Windsor [St George's chapel, Windsor]. To be held at the town of Old Swinford and Stourbridge (*CPR*, 1476–85, p. 333). On 4 Jul 1486, K Hen VII granted Thomas Ormond, kn, earl of Ormond a fair on f Augustine, to be held at the lordship or manor of Stourbridge (*CPR*, 1485–94, pp. 125–6).

**TENBURY** 3594 2684. Borough 1455 (BF, p. 184). 1334 Subsidy £107.44. Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 472). See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 364.

- M** (Letter Close) Thurs; *mercatum*, gr 18 Aug 1223, by K Hen III to Roger de Clifford. To be held at the manor until the king came of age. (*RLC*, i, p. 559b).
- M** (Charter) Tues; gr 8 Jan 1249, by K Hen III to Roger de Clifford. To be held at the manor (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 338). Market continued in the twentieth century (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 364).
- F** (Charter) vf, Trans of Thomas the Martyr (7 Jul); gr 1249, by K Hen III to Roger de Clifford. To be held at the manor (*CChR*, 1226–57, p. 338). Fair had fallen into disuse before 1635 (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 364).

**UPTON ON SEVERN** 3852 2402. Borough 1416–17 (BF, supplement, p. 64). 1334 Subsidy £78.69. Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 472). See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 213.

- M** (Prescriptive: borough) recorded 22 Feb 1415, held by Eleanor, widow of Richard le Despenser. An unspecified number of markets were assigned as part of Eleanor's dower from Richard (*CIPM*, xx, no. 632). Thurs market recorded in 1416, the seventeenth century and continued in the twentieth century (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 213).
- F** (Prescriptive) recorded 22 Feb 1415, held by Eleanor, widow of Richard le Despenser. An unspecified number of fairs were assigned as part of Eleanor's dower from Richard (*CIPM*, xx, no. 632). Fair on Peter ad Vincula (1 Aug) recorded in 1416 and in the seventeenth century (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 213).

**WICK EPISCOPI** 3828 2531. Borough c.1182 (BF, supplement, p. 64). 1334 Subsidy £95.56. Manor held by the bishops of Worcester from before the Conquest until 1558 (*VCH Worcestershire*, iii, p. 502). See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iii, pp. 500–9. *VCH* does not provide evidence for a market or a fair.



**M** (Prescriptive: borough) No further information for the market.

**WORCESTER** 3849 2548. Borough early tenth century (*Defence*, pp. 226–7). Mint 970s–1154. 1334 Subsidy £300. Roman town. Episcopal see from 680. Anglo Saxon burh in Burghal Hidage. Borough, *civitas* and mint in Domesday Book (*Defence*, pp. 226–7). Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 472). Fair in 1587, Palm Sunday (Harrison, p. 393). See also *VCH Worcestershire*, iv, pp. 377–8, 389–90, 415.

**M** (Prescriptive: borough, mint) recorded 880x99 (*Defence*, p. 226). Bp of Worcester had half rights to market in late ninth century (*Defence*, p. 226). Market noted in 1086 (Derby, p. 370).

**F** (Letter Close) 3+f, Barnabas the Apostle (11 Jun); *feria* gr 17 Mar 1218, by K Hen III to S bp of Worcester. Mandate to the sh of Worcestershire to proclaim the fair. The duration of the fair is not clear (*RLC*, i, p. 356). Fair on f Barnabas, held by the bp of Worcester and stated to have been granted by the king, was noted in 1220 (*CRR*, ix, pp. 353–4). Fair appears to have fallen into disuse by 1555 (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 389).

**F** (Prescriptive) Nativity of Mary (8 Sept); *feria et draperia* recorded 16 Jul 1223. To be held in the places that were used at the time of K John (*RLC*, i, p. 555). On 9 Sept 1226, sh of Worcester ordered that the men of Worcester were not to hold their cloth fair (*feria de draperia*) in a place other than that where they had been accustomed to hold it in the reign of K Hen II, K Ric I and K John, until the time of the war between him and his barons (*RLC*, ii, p. 136). In 1555, the citizens were granted a two day fair on the f Nativity of the Virgin (*VCH Worcestershire*, iv, p. 389).

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