

TITHE MAP AND APPORTIONMENT KEEVIL 1864 AND 1841 MAP OF KEEVIL**1) Tithe Map and Apportionment Keevil 1864**

Source:	Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre, Chippenham
Ref:	T/A Keevil
Scale:	3 chains to one inch

The 1836 Tithe Commutation Act converted tithes into a fixed money rent and resulted in some 12,000 apportionments. Tithe documents consist of three elements, the apportionment, the map and the file, and are solely concerned with identifying titheable land. Apportionments are statutory documents which were in the public domain and tithe maps have been treated by the courts as good evidence as to whether land was titheable or not titheable. However, the maps were not made for the purpose of establishing or recording rights of way. In the case of Keevil tithes were commuted at Enclosure in 1795 and were only able to be commuted to a rent charge by virtue of the 1860 Tithe Amendment Act.

There are a number of reasons why land might not have been subject to tithe in addition to the possibility of it being highway land. One of these was that the land was barren but other examples include land held either by the church or some other religious community, or because it had only recently been converted to productive land from previous barren heath or waste land. Hence it is dangerous to assume the maps to be absolute proof of something that it was not the business of the Commissioners to ascertain, however they can provide useful accumulative evidence of the history of a route and how it was viewed at that time.

Tithe Maps are accompanied by an Apportionment which lists all the numbered parcels of land and carries details of field names, usage, quantities of production and amounts of rent charge payable. Areas that are free of charge are listed in the apportionment under headings, for example Glebe or Roads and Wastes. The convention is that Roads were coloured sienna (orange/brown).

The Tithe Map for Keevil is a second class map and is dated 1863, signed by Tithe Commissioners 1864. It is notable that the document ref number 1908/3 (Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre) is a large scale map dated 1840 drawn at 3 chains to one inch. It bears a Tithe Commissioners stamp dated 27 June 1843 and although it does have a reference book accompanying it (ref no 653/17) this is not stamped apportionment document.

Keevil 23 is shown coloured sienna in the same way as the public road network and is numbered 11a.

11a is listed in the apportionment as a Private Carriage Road to Seend Head Mill.

PLAN
OF THE PARISH OF
K E E V I L
IN THE COUNTY OF
W I L T S

TITHE APPORTIONMENT
1863

*(Signed) J. J. Rowlingson
Agent Tithe Commrs.
24 March 1864.*



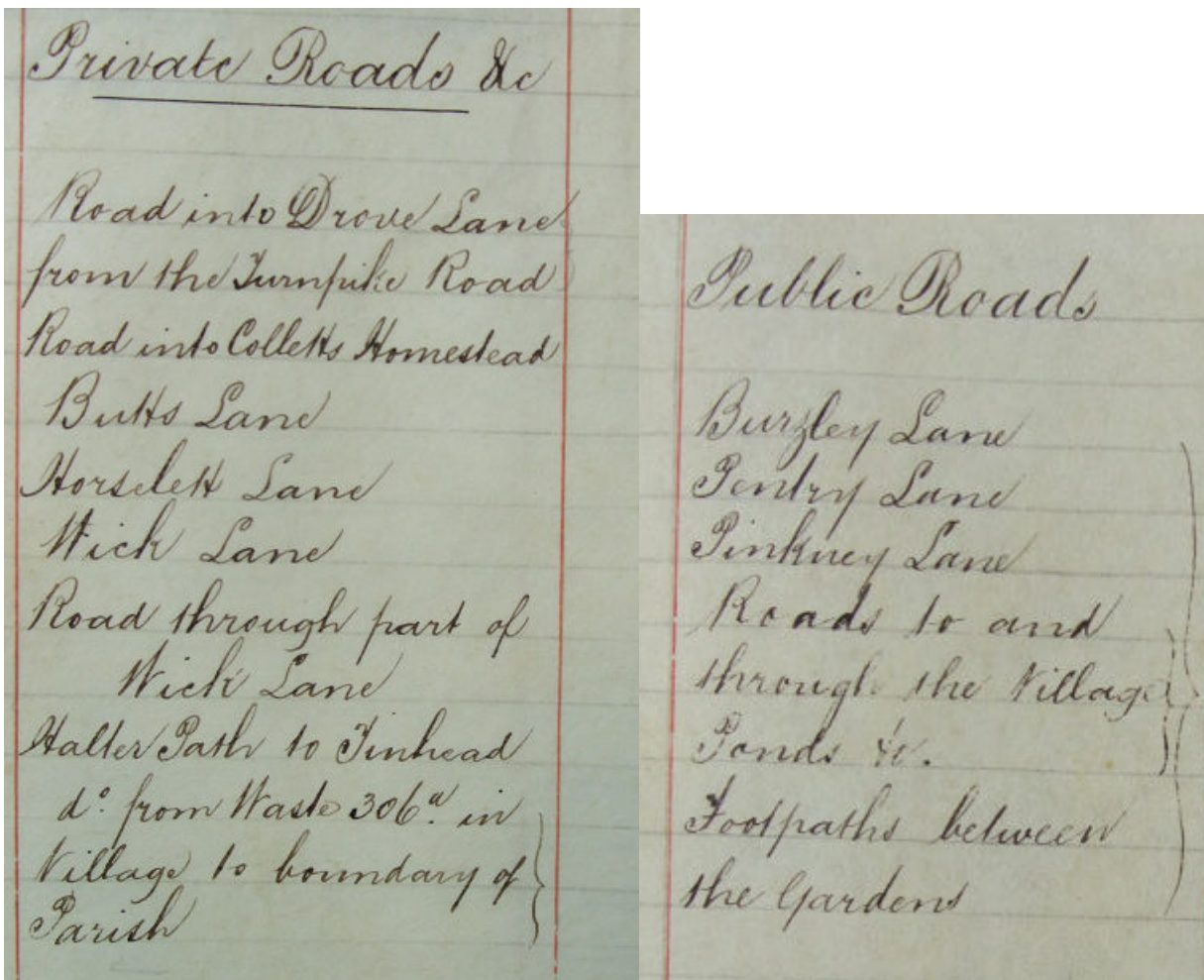
10	Bells Mead	Pasture	5	3	32		4	11		19	6 1/2
11	Great Morris's	d.	7	2	20		9	8		14	2
11 ^a	Private Carriage Road to Seend Head Mill	Road		1	15				3		
12	Last Morris	Pasture	6	3	27		9	6		15	3
			20	3	14	1	4	4	2	16	11 1/2

Sandowners	Occupiers	Numbers referring to the Plan annexed hereto	Name and Description of Lands and Premises
Somerset His Grace the Duke of	William Taylor	10	Bells Mead
		11	Great Morris's
		11 ^a	Private Carriage Road to Seend Head Mill
		12	Last Morris

At the end of the Apportionment are listed in detail Private Roads and Public Roads.

Keevil 23 – “private carriage road to Seend Head Mill” is not specifically mentioned in either list.

Private Roads	6	1	21
Public Roads	15	1	35
Rivers and Brooks	8	2	20



Keevil 23 does not appear in either of these lists as it is separately numbered and detailed in the survey.

2) Map of Keevil 1841

Source: Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre
Ref: 1908/3 and reference book 653/17
Scale: 3 chains to one inch
Date: 1841

This map carries the stamp of the Tithe Commissioners June 27th 1843.

It is a very large and well drawn map which appears to incorporate the information contained in the Enclosure Award and the subsequent tithe map. It is titled "Survey of Keevil Parish 1840 by H.G. Buxton, Devizes.

Keevil 23 is shown as a private road though it is not listed under Private Roads in the accompanying reference book. It is numbered 14.

There is however a public footpath shown linking Keevil 23 and Baldham Bridge which if correct would assume that the public had a right to use Keevil 23 to access it.



Other private roads awarded in the Enclosure award are also shown in this colour but have their awarded widths written on them. They are not individually numbered like Keevil 23 is.

The reference book records the following:

12	Bells Mead	Edward Adolphus Duke of Somerset
13	Great Morris's	Edward Adolphus Duke of Somerset
14	Private carriage road to Seend Head Mill	Edward Adolphus Duke of Somerset
15	East Morris's	Edward Adolphus Duke of Somerset

Private roads to fields are listed in the refernce book and Keevil 23 is not listed here.

Private Roads to Fields. &c

Nos on Map	Names of Roads	Measure		
		A	r	p
43	Road into Drove Lane from the Turnpike R ^d	—	—	14
165	D ^o into Collet's Homestead	—	—	25
144	Torrige Lane	1	1	5
370	Butts Lane	2	2	11
401	Horselet Lane	1	1	17
481	Wick Lane	—	2	21
^{In} 170, 471	Road through part of Wick Green	—	—	39
517	Halter Path to Tinhead	—	1	2
380	D ^o ——— D ^o — from Village opposite Cottage N ^o 396 to Parish Boundary	1	—	12
		7	2	26

