Introduction

Originally in England 10% of all agricultural produce was given to the church. This was an in-kind payment, not a cash payment

Later on the rights to receiving the tithes were bought and sold, especially to universities and colleges after the monasteries were dissolved.

Over the centuries some in-kind payments were replaced by cash payments.

The system was a mess with many court cases involved.

Many rural communities reformed their tithe system themselves eg as part of an enclosure process.

In 1836 any remaining in-kind payments were replaced in England and Wales by cash payments, called a rent charge.

That involved a complete investigation into who should pay how much and to whom.

The result was a detailed map of each parish and an apportionment (a rent charge) – how much a landholder had to pay and sometimes the name of the "improprietor" (who received the payment).

Many of these documents have survived – they were generally produced between 1838 to 1854.

Very useful in conjunction with the 1841 and 1851 censuses.

Tithe apportionment books and the tithe maps are kept in county archives and in the national archives at Kew.

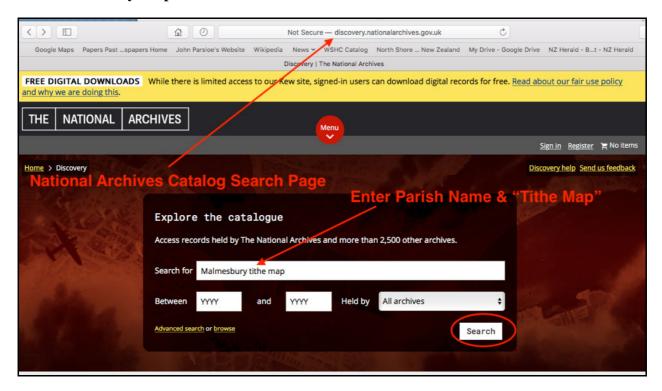
Use the national archives catalog at http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk to check if there is tithe information for your parish. As this was an agricultural production tax, you won't find information for 1840s urban areas.

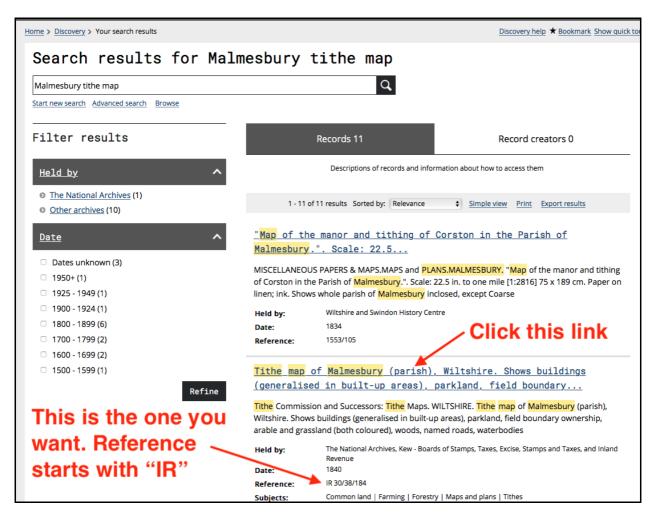
The catalog entry will tell you if the tithe information is available at The Genealogist.

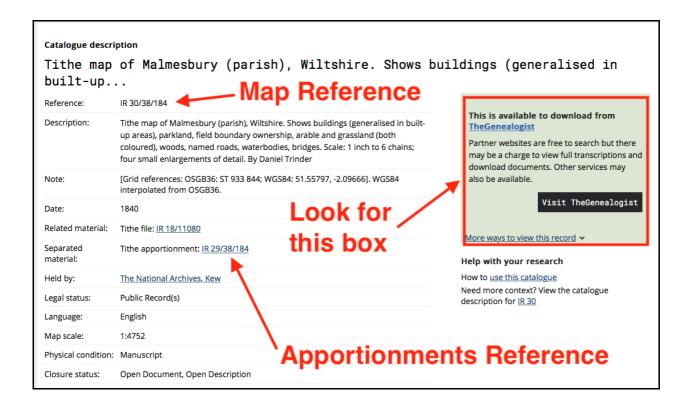
If it is available you can then take your computer to the library and access The Genealogist via the library wifi and website and download maps and apportionment data direct to your own computer at any time that the library is open. You can search by person, person and place or just place.

Technical point: The Genealogist version of the tithe maps are those held at the National Archives at Kew and were scanned in grey scale. If you want to annotate them in colour you will have to print them and rescan in colour. If you're lucky your County Archive will have a colour version – Wiltshire does.

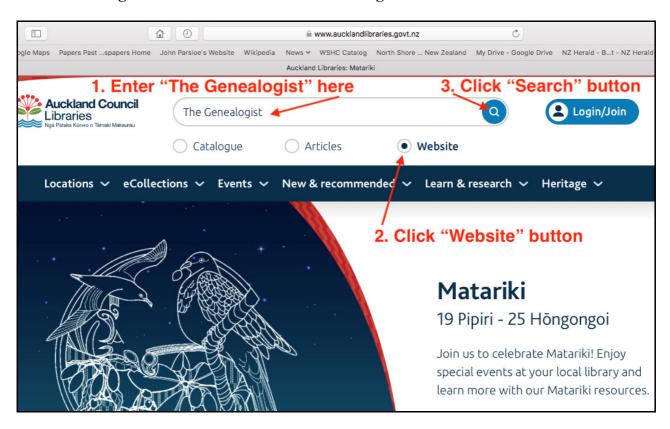
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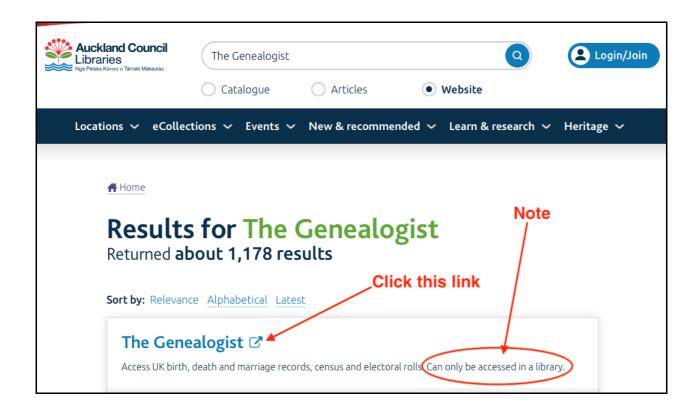




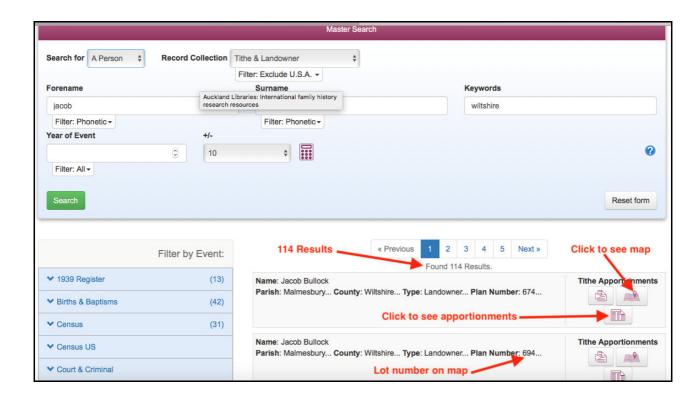


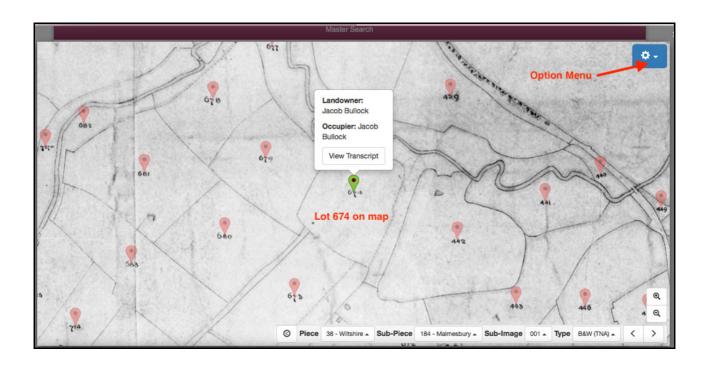
Part 2 – Getting tithe information from The Genealogist

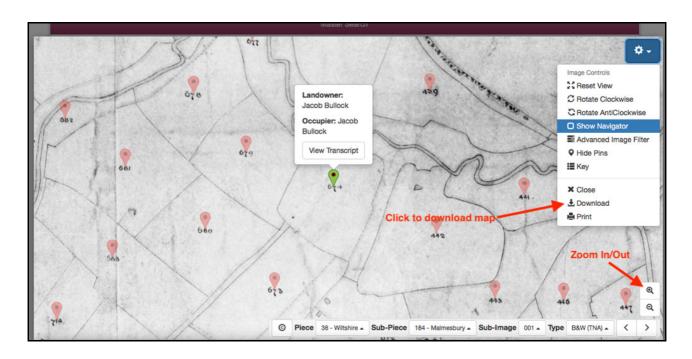




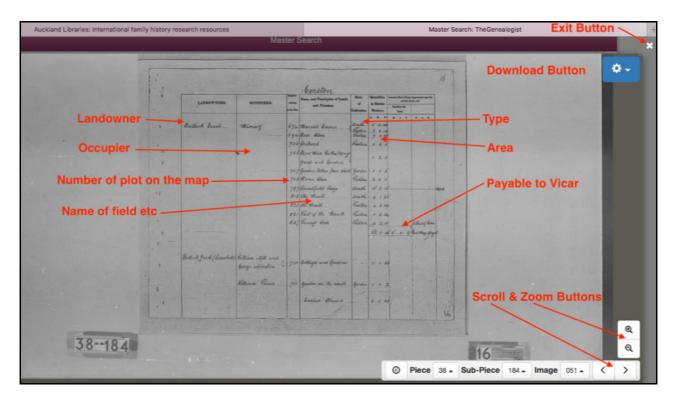






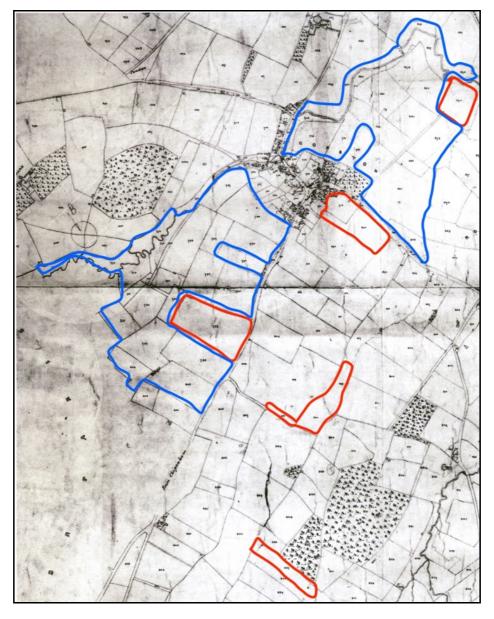






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 $Figure \ 1 - Jacob \ Bullock's \ fields \ in \ Corston. \ Red = freehold. \ Blue = rented$

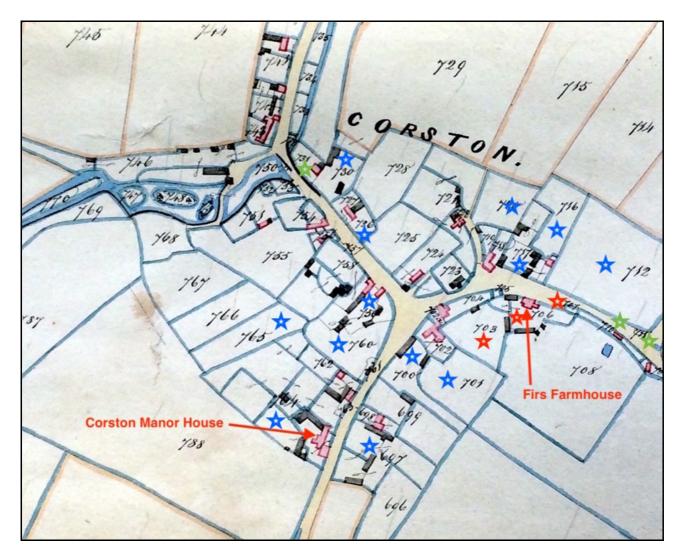


Figure 2 - Jacob Bullock's property in central Corston. Blue stars = rented, red stars = freehold, green stars = leased