

Domesday people & places

- famous names
- great landowners
- English villages

Famous men and women

Many well-known historical characters appear in Domesday Book

- **Aethelred the Unready**
- **King Canute**
- **Edward the Confessor**
- **King Harold**
- **Hereward the Wake**
- **Lady Godiva**

Aethelred the Unready



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| SHR | 4,1,12 | E |

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De wla tūa tēn Robt dimid hīd. 7 hengebat. ii. hid.
7 hīc. ii. cap. hūc an pūn tōnserē hūnd.
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Ipsē com tēn Wintonē. cū viii. hōp. quūch 7 dimid.
R. ex. E. tēnuro. lbi. xxiii. hīd. gēld. 7 pa. E. xxv. cap.
In dñio sūnt. vi. cap. 7 xx. uilli 7 vi. bord cū xii. cap.
lbi. xxi. bouarū. 7 aliq. wālenes pēdēt. xx. sol. 7 molm
lbi. 3s. 4. solid. Silur una leuūde.
T. R. E. fūo wāst. modo pēdēt. xx. sol. 7 xv. solid.
Tēpore Adēlredi pātrī. E. rēgī. pēdēt h. tūa tēn dimid
firmā nocat.
Ipsē hādē wālenes tēn de comitē. i. fūo tūy wālenes
7 mōdē pēdēt. iiii. sol. 7 v. solid.
Ipsē com tēn tōnserē Edricū tēnuro. T. R. E. lbi. xv. hīd. gēld.
7 pa. E. lbi. xv. cap. 7 xxiii. uilli cū vi. bord 7 molm

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The Earl holds **WHINGTON** himself with 8 1/2 outlirs. King Edward held it, 18 hides which pay tax. Land for 25 ploughs. In lordship 6 ploughs, 15 villagers and 6 smallholders with 12 ploughs. 12 ploughmen. Some Welshmen pay 20s. A mill there at 5s; woodland, 1 league. Before 1066 it was waste; now it pays £15 15s. In the time of [King] Aethelred, king Edward's father, these three manors paid half a right's revenue.

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prudently managing royal estates

King Canute



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| VL | 2,1 | E |
| 2,8 | 2,2 | F |
| DS | 8,3 | E |
| DS | 2,1 | E |

Search: [x]

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E TENET ECCLIA S' MILBURG In feoffmentibus huius
~~Edmudi s' milbore fecit Rogeri com abb. can.~~
Al p'ia ecclia tenet Westboch. 7 tenet. T. R. E. lbi. xx.
bido. Ex his. iii. exant quiete a geldo T. R. chmco. 7 die
geld. In dno sunt. ix. car. 7 dimid. 7 ix. uilli 7 iii. pedmans.
7 xl. vi. bopt. In omi hite. xxii. car. 7 alie. xvii. ibi
posset. ee. lbi. xv. serui. 7 ii. molini sequentes monach.
lbi. i. piscaria 7 dilua. ecc. port' incassand. 7 ibi. in. haig.
T. R. E. ualb. xv. lib. Modo. xii. lib.
~~T'p'ia ecclia tenet Nichelboroc. tenet T. R. E. lbi. vii. hide~~
geld. 7 iii. hide alie. hite a geldo. In dno. e. una car. 7 vi.

1 selection 2 of 4 hits Record 11886 of 18174

The Church holds [Westboch](#) itself, it held it before 1066. 20 hides; 4 of them were exempt from tax in [King Canute's](#) time, the others paid tax. In lordship 9 1/2 ploughs; 9 vilagers, 3 riders and 46 smallholders; between them they have 17 ploughs; another 17 would be possible there. 15 slaves. 2 mills which serve the monks. 1 fishery; woodland for fattening. 300 pigs; 2 hedged enclosures. Value before 1066 £15, now £12.

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**imprudently remitting
taxation**

Edward the Confessor appears in many guises

County Philm. TextTy.
SUR 31,1 E
SUR 32,1 E
SUR 32,2 E
SUR 34,1 E
SUR 35,1 E
SUR 36,2 E
SUR 36,1 E
SUR 36,2 E
SUR 36,3 E
SUR 36,8 E
SUR 36,7 E
SUR 36,9 E
SUR 36,10 E
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HAM 1,4 E
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HAM 1,10 E
HAM 1,11 E
HAM 1,12 E
HAM 1,14 E

1 selection: 499 of 19 x
HAM 112 1 selection: 526 of 2021 hits Record 1394 of 18640

æ þa. Silua de. x. porc.
In BOSMERE HUND.
Ipsæ rex tenet in halimoe. ii. hid. 7 dim. Leoman tenuit
in parago de fege. E. hegalð abstuic et gdo regni inuasit.
7 misit in firma sua. 7 adhuc ibi. e. tē se defit. p. ii. hid
7 dim. Modo p nichilo. Tpa. e. i. car. 7 dim. In dno. e. una eq.
7 un uell. 7 viii. bord. cū dimid car. 7 una æ þa 7 dimid.
T. & E. ualb. xl. sot. 7 post. xx. sold. Modo. lxx. sot.
In BOSMERE HUND.
AD MERE

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In BOSMERE Hundred
The King holds 2 1/2 hides in **HAWLING** himself. Leotman held them from King **Edward** jointly. [Eni] Harold took them from him when he annexed the kingdom and put them in his revenue; and so it is still. Then it answered for 2 1/2 hides; now for nothing. Land for 1 1/2 ploughs. In lordship 1 plough; 1 villager and 8 smallholders with 1/2 plough. Meadow, 1 1/2 acres. Value before 1086, 40s; later 20s; now 70s.

Searches
Displaying Hits
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Available Hits
All of Domesday 18174
King Canals? 4



here predecessor of the usurper, Harold, who 'stole' the kingdom

King Harold is always described as Earl Harold

The screenshot shows a digital manuscript viewer displaying a page from the Domesday Book. The page contains Latin text in a medieval script, with a modern English translation below it. The translation reads: "In BOSMERE Hundred The King holds 2 1/2 hides in HAYLING (ISLAND) himself. Leotman held them from King Edward jointly. [Earl] Harold took them from him when he annexed the kingdom and put them in his revenue; and so it is still. Then it answered for 2 1/2 hides; now for nothing. Land for 1 1/2 ploughs. In lordship 1 plough, 1 villager and 8 smallholders with 1/2 plough. Meadow, 1 1/2 acres. Value before 1066, 40s; later 20s, now 70s." The viewer interface includes a search bar, a list of records, and navigation controls.



by implication a
usurper

Hereward the Wake



Domesday records the estates of this most famous outlaw

The screenshot shows the Domesday Explorer interface. On the left is a table of land records for the county of Devon. The table has columns for County, Philm., and TextTy. The records are as follows:

| County | Philm. | TextTy. |
|--------|--------|---------|
| DEV | 2,43 | E |
| WAR | 16,26 | E |
| WAR | 16,46 | E |
| WAR | 16,48 | E |
| WAR | 17,33 | E |
| LN | 8,34 | E |
| LN | 8,35 | E |
| LN | 8,37 | E |
| LN | 42,8 | E |
| LN | 42,9 | E |
| LN | 42,10 | E |
| LN | 42,11 | E |
| LN | 42,12 | E |
| LC | 0x4 | E |
| LC | 0x46 | E |

On the right is a map of the Hereward estate, showing a central area highlighted in yellow. Below the map is a text box with the following information:

WOP: OSWALDOW Everlode 2 selections: 7 of 18 hits Record 6629 of 20568

WOP: 2,43 1 selection: 1 of 15 hits Record 7997 of 18174

Hereward held 5 hides at OSWALDOW-2 ploughs
9 villagers with 3 ploughs; 1 slave
There was a mill at 32d.
The value is and was £3.
[Belongs to Blackley.]

[2 Land of the Church of Wixcastle]

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Hereward the Wake in legend



"Then he attacked the guests and laid low fourteen of them. . ."; an H.C. Selous illustration for Charles Kingsley's novel, *Hereward the Wake*.

Hereward the outlaw in Domesday



Terra Assford in berchā hund. die Wapent n̄ habuisse
herewardū die qua aufugit.

Wapentake
[jury] states

that

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Barholm

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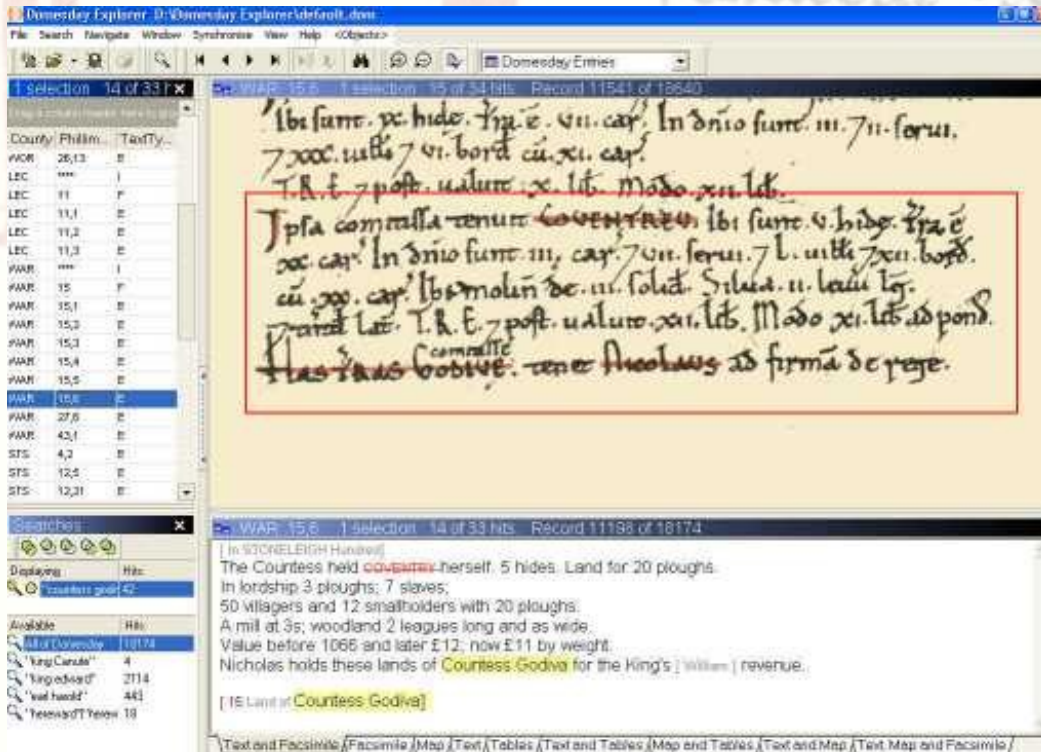
WOR Oswaldslow Everlode 2 selections 7 of 18 hits Record 6639 of 20568

| County | Philm. | TaxTty. |
|--------|--------|---------|
| WAR | 2,43 | E |
| WAR | 16,26 | E |
| WAR | 16,46 | E |
| WAR | 16,48 | E |
| WAR | 17,33 | E |
| LN | 6,34 | E |
| LN | 6,35 | E |
| LN | 6,37 | E |
| LN | 42,8 | E |
| LN | 42,9 | E |
| LN | 42,10 | E |
| LN | 42,11 | E |
| LN | 42,12 | E |
| LC | 014 | E |
| LC | 0146 | E |

Hereward held 5 hides at **OSWALDSLOW**-2 ploughs.
9 villagers with 3 ploughs; 1 slave.
There was a mill at 320.
The value is and was £3.
[Belongs to Blackby.]
[2 land of the Church of Wilcastre]

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Lady Godiva



**Domesday Book
records her connection
with Coventry**

**but not
her ride
there**

Domesday Book is above all else a record of landed wealth

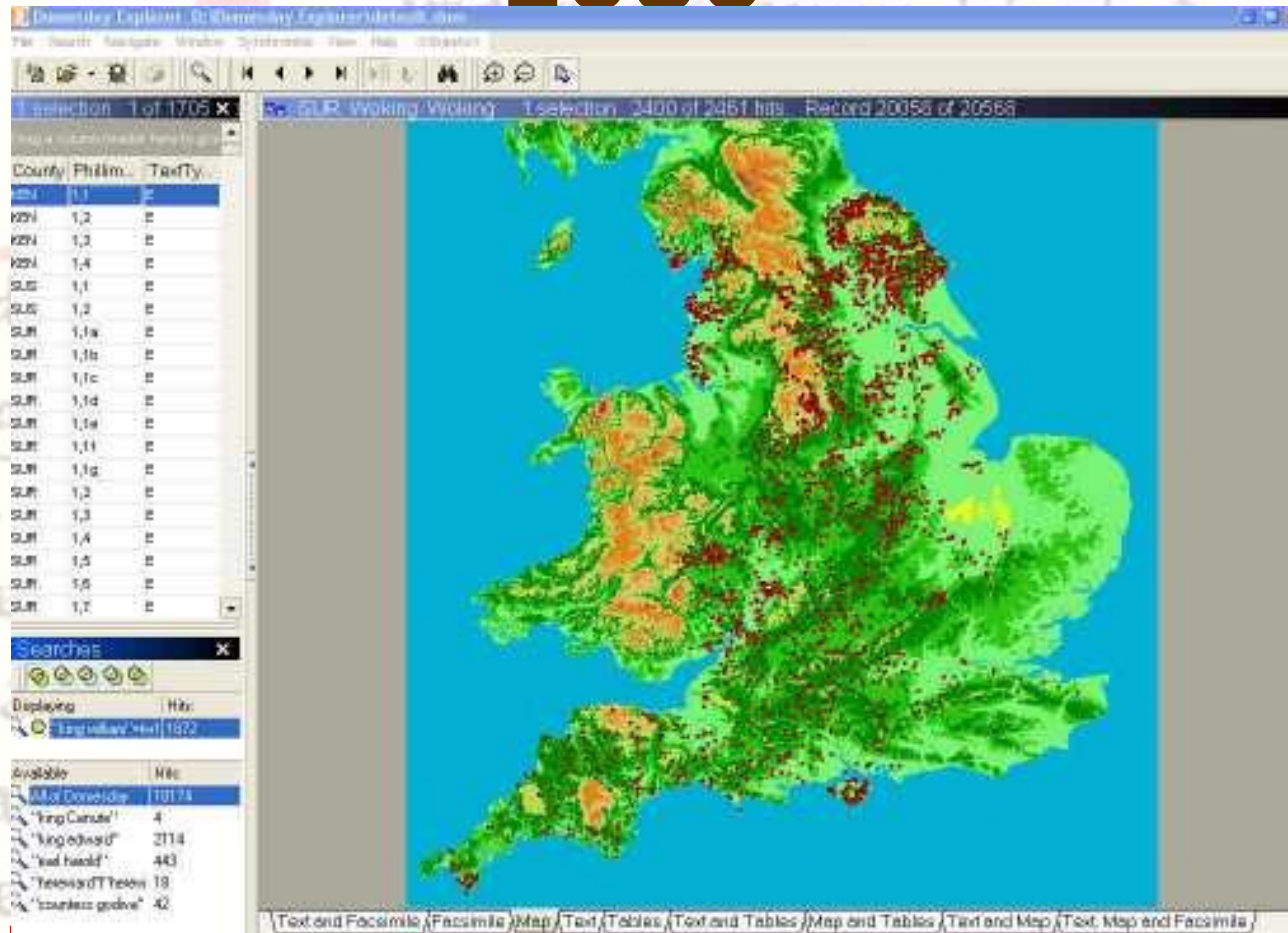
Since land was the source of almost all wealth and status in the eleventh century, Domesday Book describes the possessions of the ruling elite in unprecedented detail

It records the ownership of almost every acre of land in both 1066 and 1086, an administrative and political feat never repeated

The great landowners of Domesday Book

- Crown lands
- King's brothers
- wealthiest
barons

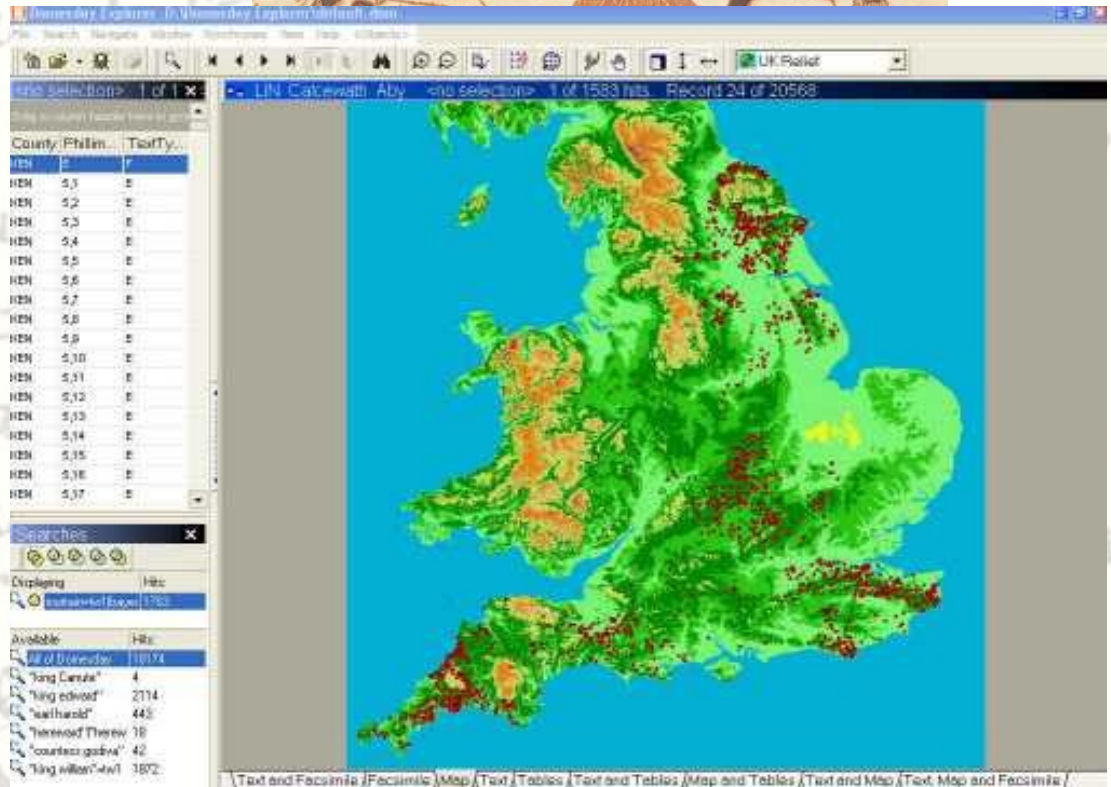
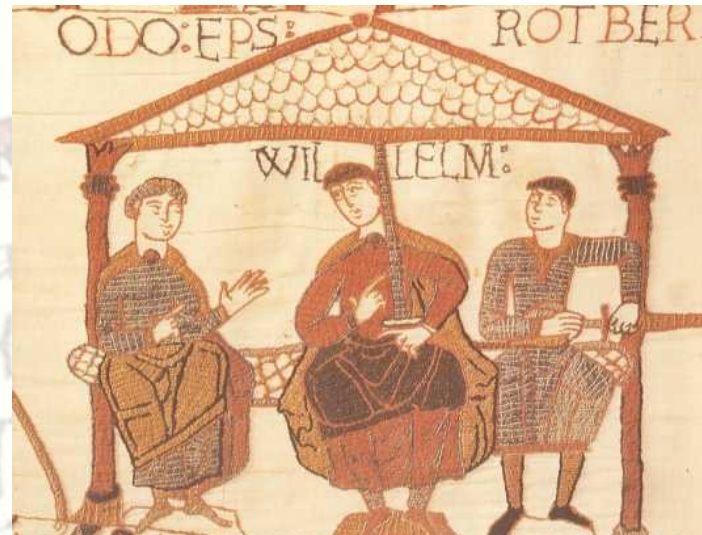
The Crown lands, 1086



The royal estate doubled in extent after the Conquest, and extended to most parts of the kingdom

Robert of Mortain and Odo of Bayeux, the king's half-brothers

also held land in most counties between Cornwall and Yorkshire



The wealthiest barons in Great Domesday

For a rough approximation to modern values, add 6 zeros to these numbers

| | |
|------------------------------|------|
| Count Robert of Mortain | £842 |
| Earl Roger of Shrewsbury | £841 |
| Bishop Odo of Bayeux | £569 |
| Count Alan of Brittany | £488 |
| Hugh of Port | £444 |
| Countess Judith | £376 |
| Robert d'Oilly | £366 |
| Edward of Salisbury | £349 |
| Geoffrey de Mandeville | £348 |
| Arnulf of Hesdin | £316 |
| William of Warenne | £293 |
| Count Eustace of Boulogne | £260 |
| Gilbert of Ghent | £259 |
| Bishop of Coutances | £254 |
| William of Braose | £249 |
| Roger of Ivry | £247 |
| Miles Crispin | £247 |
| Roger of Lacy | £246 |
| Henry of Ferrers | £244 |
| Richard son of Count Gilbert | £218 |
| Adam son of Hubert | £208 |
| Ralph of Mortimer | £197 |
| Ibert of Lacy | £197 |
| Roger of Bully | £196 |
| Earl Hugh of Chester | £187 |
| Hugh of Grandmesnil | £185 |
| Humphrey the chamberlain | £182 |
| William of Eu | £180 |
| Walter Giffard | £172 |
| Walter of Aincourt | £159 |
| Hugh de Montfort | £156 |
| Ivo Tallboys | £153 |
| Roger of Courseulles | £152 |
| William Peverel | £151 |
| Hugh of Bolbec | £151 |
| Hamo the sheriff | £147 |
| Baldwin the sheriff | £145 |
| Robert son of Theobald | £144 |
| Hugh son of Baldric | £143 |
| Robert of Rhuddlan | £142 |
| Count Robert of Meulan | £139 |
| Wadard of Fringford | £138 |
| Ranulf brother of Ilger | £132 |
| Alfred of Marlborough | £129 |
| William son of Baderon | £122 |
| Urso of Abetot | £121 |
| Roger of Beaumont | £114 |
| Robert of Stafford | £113 |
| Thurstan son of Rolf | £112 |
| William of Arques | £112 |
| Walter of St Valéry | £111 |
| Hugh of Beauchamp | £109 |
| Ralph of Pomeroy | £108 |
| Reginald Balliol | £106 |
| Reinbald of Cirencester | £105 |
| Alfred the butler | £102 |
| William son of Ansculf | £102 |
| Eudo son of Hubert | £100 |
| William Cheever | £98 |
| Bishop of Lisieux | £97 |
| Robert Latimer | £95 |
| Walter of Douai | £95 |
| Drogo of Carteret | £94 |
| Osbern Giffard | £94 |
| Picot of Cambridge | £94 |
| William of Mohun | £93 |

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And many more

English settlement

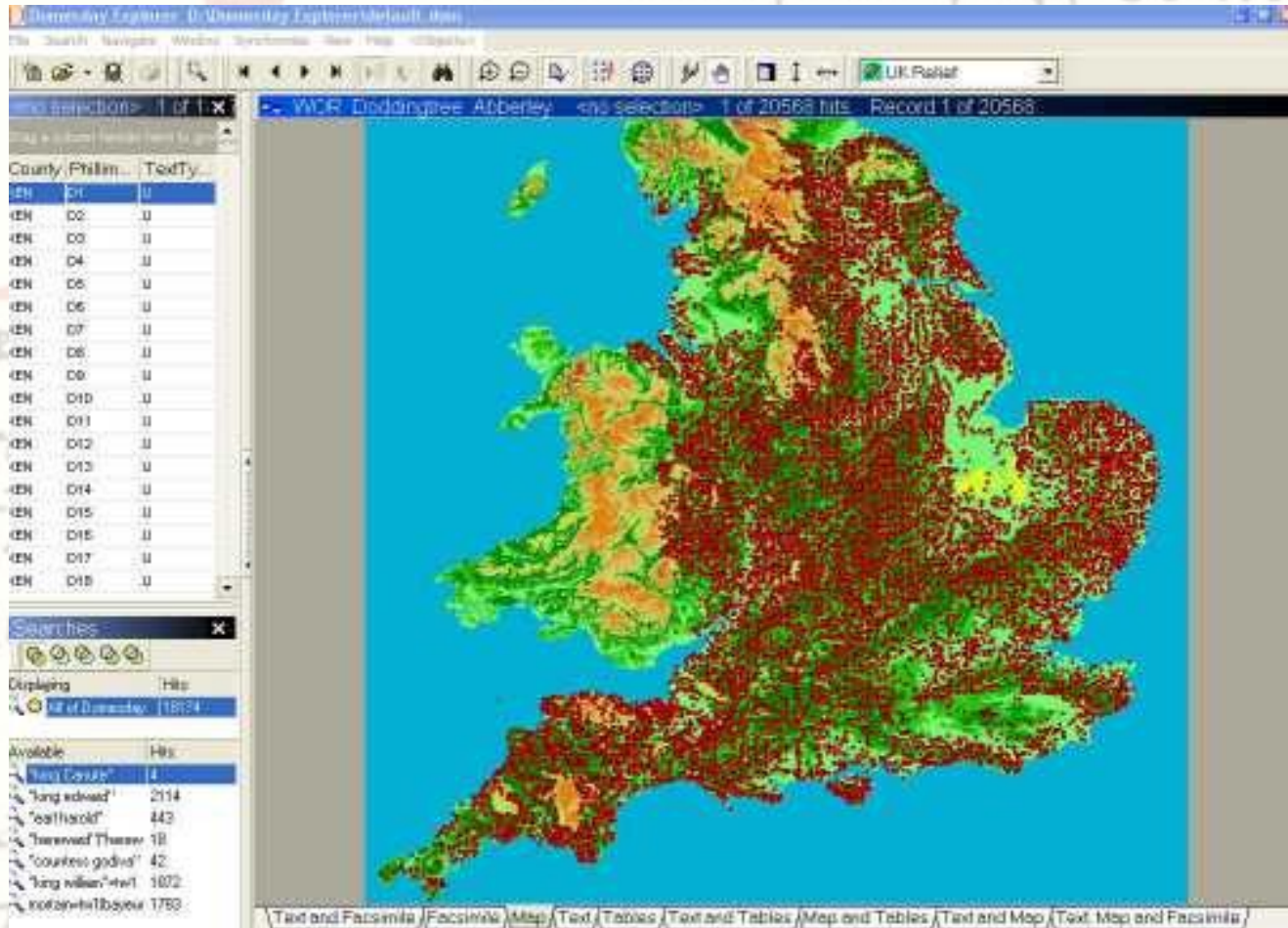
Domesday Book is overwhelmingly the most important evidence of English settlement and its distribution.

It proves that England was already an ‘old country’ in 1086, even though only a small percentage of English places are recorded before that date.

Maps can illuminate many of the characteristic features of English places, for instance:

- **English settlement in 1086**
- **viking place-names**

Domesday places



The screenshot shows the Domesday Explorer application interface. The main window displays a map of England with numerous red dots representing Domesday places. The map is overlaid on a topographic background. The application title bar reads "Domesday Explorer: D:\Domesday Explorer\default.htm". The address bar shows "WCR: Dodingtree Abberley <no selection> 1 of 20568 hits Record 1 of 20568".

On the left side, there is a table with columns "County", "P.N. lin.", and "TextTy". The table lists various counties from EN to D18.

| County | P.N. lin. | TextTy |
|--------|-----------|--------|
| EN | D1 | U |
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| EN | D3 | U |
| EN | D4 | U |
| EN | D5 | U |
| EN | D6 | U |
| EN | D6 | U |
| EN | D7 | U |
| EN | D8 | U |
| EN | D8 | U |
| EN | D9 | U |
| EN | D10 | U |
| EN | D11 | U |
| EN | D12 | U |
| EN | D13 | U |
| EN | D14 | U |
| EN | D15 | U |
| EN | D15 | U |
| EN | D17 | U |
| EN | D18 | U |

Below the table is a "Search hits" section with a "Displaying" table:

| Displaying | Hits |
|-----------------|-------|
| all of Domesday | 18134 |

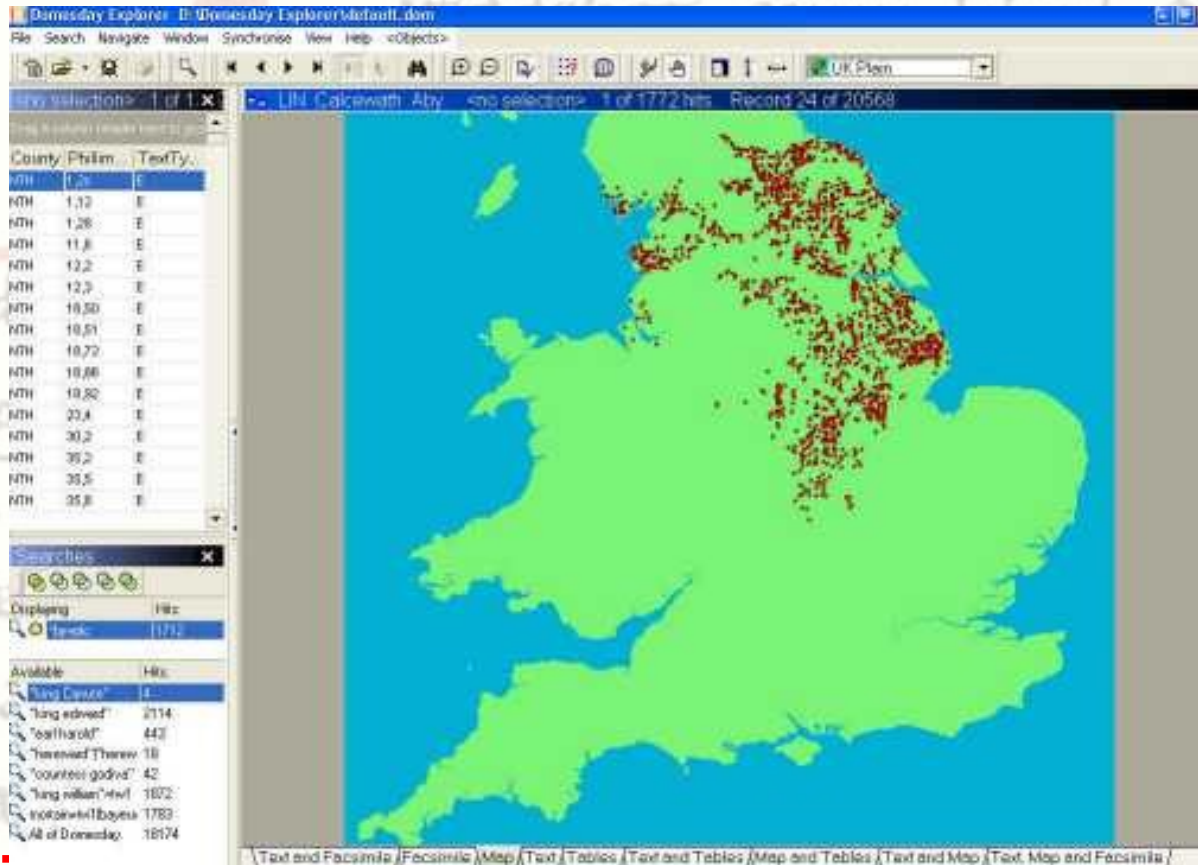
Below that is an "Available" table:

| Available | Hits |
|--------------------|-------|
| all of Domesday | 18134 |
| "king Edward" | 2114 |
| "earthhold" | 443 |
| "there was there" | 18 |
| "countess Godiva" | 42 |
| "king William" etc | 1672 |
| not in the list | 1783 |

At the bottom of the application window, there is a navigation bar with tabs: "Text and Facsimile", "Facsimile", "Map", "Text", "Tables", "Text and Tables", "Map and Tables", "Text and Map", "Text, Map and Facsimile".

Domesday names almost 15000 places, fewer than 10% of them recorded in earlier documents

Viking place-names



Scandinavian place-names reveal the areas of Viking settlement.

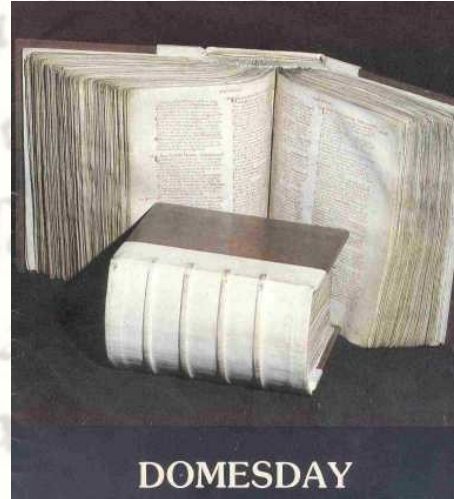
This map shows those names ending in -by, meaning farmstead

Domesday Book

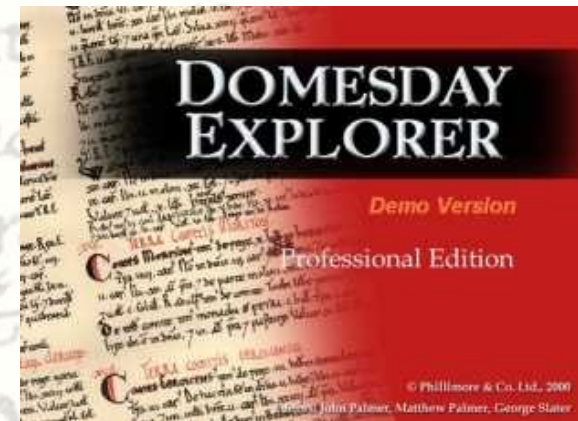
All this, and much more, is recorded in Domesday Book, the single most valuable source for early medieval history

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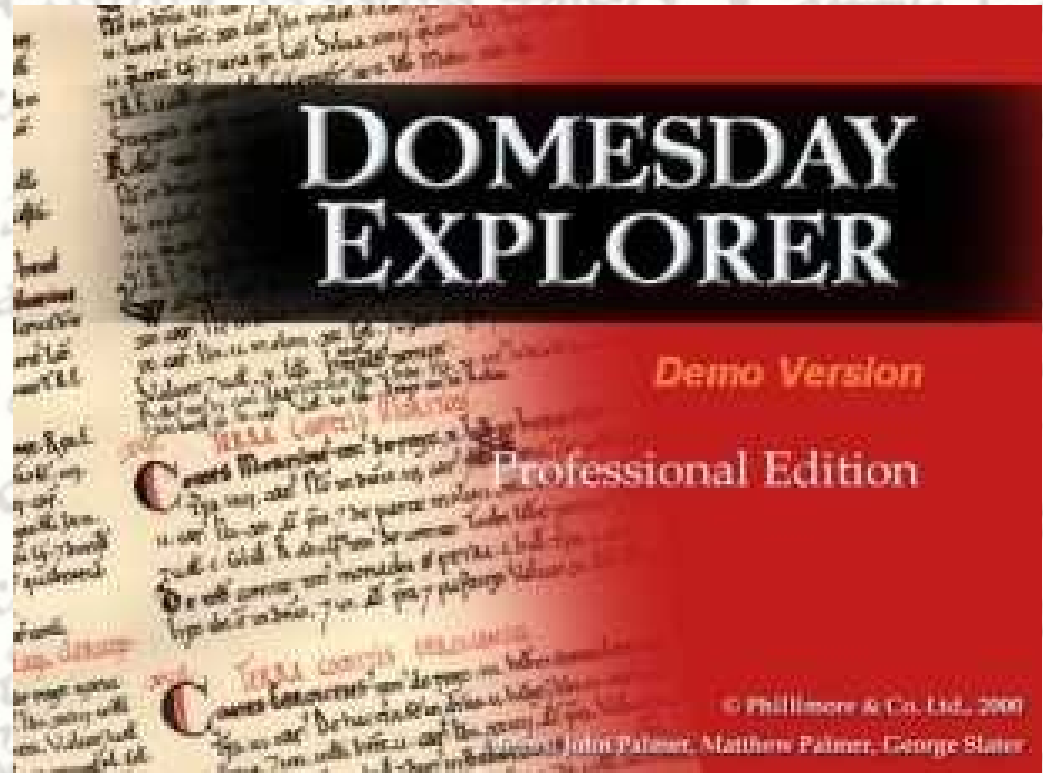
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Domesday Book

Domesday Book is a major source for the disciplines of:

- **Archaeology**
- **Geography**
- **Genealogy**
- **Law**
- **Linguistics**
- **Onomastics**
- **Palaeography**
- **Philology**
- **Prosopography**
- **Topography**



Domesday Book

Domesday Book is known and studied world-wide. Scholars from the following countries have published significant work on Domesday Book:

- **Australia**
- **Belgium**
- **Canada**
- **Denmark**
- **France**
- **Germany**
- **Holland**
- **Japan**
- **Norway**
- **Russia**
- **Sweden**
- **U.S.A.**
- **as well as the U.K.**

A complete bibliography of Domesday Book would probably number 10,000 publications



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