

## Hearth Tax

The Hearth Tax was levied twice a year, at Lady Day and Michaelmas, between 1662 and 1688. During these years the tax was the government's major source of revenue. Each hearth was taxed at the rate of two shillings a year, payable by the occupier in two instalments.

Householders who were too poor to be rated to church or poor rates, or who had only a small property, were exempt from paying Hearth Tax. The exemptions included some landless tradespeople, who ran apparently successful businesses.

### Notes to accompany 1663 Hearth Tax return for Warmington and Arlescote

*The lord of the manor, Symon Davis (2 hearths) shared the 7-hearth Manor House with his widowed mother, Mary Davis (1 hearth) and his daughter's husband Thomas Knight (4 hearths). Similarly, Richard Borrowes, senior and junior, shared their house in Arlescote. Other Arlescote residents, listed consecutively on the 1663 return, were William Goodwin, Thomas Enock, Peter Davis and Thomas Hopcroft.*

<b>WARWICKSHIRE HEARTH TAX 1663</b>	
<b>Warmington and Arlescote</b>	
<b>Hearths liable</b>	<b>No.</b>
John Wootton Cler.	7
----- Pettifere, gent	6
Willm. Clarridge	3
John Perkins	1
Richard Hemings	1
Thomas Knight	4
Mary Davis	1
Symon Davis	2
Thomas Giles	1
John Judd	1
Peter Davis	1
Edward Hemings	1
Thomas Astell	1
Richard Rose	1
Symon Davis	1
John Hill	1
John Tue	4
Nicholas Hancock	2
Thomas Bennett	2
John Collins	3
Thomas Perkins	2
Joseph Dray ( <i>Draper</i> )	1
Robert Harris ( <i>Harrison</i> )	1
Peter Browne	1
Richard Judd	3
Job Judkins	1
Anne Bratford	1

Richard Davis	1
Ezekiell Huggins	2
Richard Hill	1
Marke Legg	1
Matthew Gascoyne	1
Willm. West	1
Henry Huggins	1
Anthony Rugby ( <i>Bugby or Buckby</i> )	1
John Gascoyne	1
Richard Gascoyne	1
Thomas Collins	1
----- Goodwin, gent	7
----- Borrowes, sen. gent	1
----- Borrowes, jun. gent	4
Thomas Enock	4
Peter Davis	3
Thomas Hopcroft	1
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<b>Hearths not liable</b>	
Robert Deap	
John Giles	
Jonas Toms	
Mary Mawson	
Katherin Walker	
Henry Gardner	
Willm. Toms	
Symon Cotterell	
Alexander Barford ( <i>Bratford</i> )	
Thomas Heritage	
Robert Giles	
John Hinton	
Valentine Maridge	
Joseph Perkins	
Alice Birde	
Ezekiell Perkins	
Thomas Welchman	
Katherin Bennett	
Thomas Goodwin	
John Davis	
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