

the Queen (Matilda, of Flanders). Now Otto,* the goldsmith, holds it, at a rent in the hand of the King. There have always been III. teams in the demesne. Then VI. teams of the homagers, afterwards and now V. Then and afterwards XIII. villeins. Now XII. There have always been 6 bordars. Then XII. serfs. Afterwards and now VIII. Wood for C. swine. XX. acres of meadow. I. mill. It was then worth XII. pounds. Afterwards and now XXII. In the demesne are IV. horses. There were LXV. beasts. Now LVI. and LII. sheep; and there were CXVIII. swine, now LXXX. and XL. goats. Of this manor are wanting XXX. acres of wood, which the Queen gave to Richard, son of Earl Gislebert. To this manor belonged $\frac{1}{2}$ a hide of land, subject to its jurisdiction in the time of King Edward, which Walter, the son of Earl Gislebert, now holds.

“Phincingefelda” and “Westrefelda” were also held by the same Algar, a Saxon, in the time of King Edward.

NOTES ON ENTRY IN DOMESDAY BOOK.

Hundred.—The Hundred was a union of townships, for the purpose of judicial administration, for peace and defence. The head or convener of this body was called “the hundred man.”

Hide.—Generally supposed to be about 120 acres of land. The whole land belonging to a community, was portioned off in hides, and each free man, according to his rank, possessed so many hides.

A hide was as much land as would maintain a family; some call it 60, some 80, others 100 acres.

Homagers.—Homage is the form that binds the vassal to the lord (in most cases the King), whose man he becomes, and of whom he holds the land, for which he performs the ceremony on his knees, and with his hands in his lord’s hands. All land was held from the King, and so all landholders had to do him homage. French “homme.”

* This Thomas Fitz Otto, the goldsmith, was Master of the Royal Mint, and Court Goldsmith, whose grandson was Sheriff of Essex and Hertfordshire seven last years of Henry II.