PLAN of the CITY and SUBURBS of WORCESTER. from Actual Survey. BY GEORGE YOUNG 1779.

Worcester was built by Constantius Chlorus a Briton, about the Year 300, enlarged & fortified soon after the conquest, & used as a garrison against the Welch; is a Bishop's see, & a County of itself situate in Latitude 52.9 & West Longitude. It was governed by two Bailiffs till the reign of James 1st who granted a charter appointing Edward Hurdman Esq (then High Bailiff) the first Mayor, since which the civil government has been vested in the Mayor, Recorder & six Justices, who together with seventeen others, making in all twenty four capital citizens & forty eight common council men compose the corporation. This City consisting of nine Parishes (exclusive of the precincts of the Cathedral) is divided into seven Wards, for which thirteen constables are annually chosen; viz: High Ward, St. Nicholas, All Saints, St. Martins, St. Andrews, St Clements & St. Peters Wards. It has suffered greatly by the ravages of war, & other accidents, being first destroyd by Ceolwolf King of Mercia about the year 680, burnt in the years 1039, 1041, 1113, 1133, 1135, 1150 & 1202, sometimes accidentally, at other times by the enemy.

On March 26th 1646, it was invested by the army under command of Sir Thos. Fairfax, & besieged with little intermission till the 21st of July next following, when the garrison consisting of 1500 soldiers surrendered, & the City was taken possession of, in the name of the Parliament, being the last place that held out for King Charles. In the decisive battle of 1651, it was again greatly damaged by the soldiers under Oliver Cromwell, who amongst other depredations destroyd the wall by which the city was defended, the parts of it are still visible particularly on the north side, One gate only, St. Martins, now remains, there were formerly seven, viz: Fore or Forest gate, Water or St. Clements gate, St. Martins gate, Fryers gate, Sidbury gate, Frog gate & Cripplegate.

Worcester was formerly noted for the Woollen manufactory, wherein were employd about 1000 looms & 7000 persons, but the Clothiers trade has entirely declined, not a single loom being now used in that branch, in the whole city; The principal manufactures at present are Gloves, Carpets, and Porcelain, in the first whereof only are employd about 1000 persons in the city & neighbourhood.

Its present representatives in Parliament are John Walsh, & Thomas Bates Rous, Esquires; Mayor Thomas Farley Esq: Recorder, the Earl of Coventry.

AREA of each PARISH with the number of Houses (and Inhabitants)

		A R P	Houses	Inhabitants
Within	St Clements	66.1.8	134	648
	All Saints	15.1.17	352	1944
	St Andrews	10.0.0	327	1845
	St Albans	2.1.7	27	121
	St Peters	72.0.14	202	1277
	St Helens	10.2.22	255	1421
	St Swithins	6.2.6	153	690
	St Martins	30.3.20	268	1587
	St Nicholas	45.2.0	300	1653
	Chaines	15.0.16		
	Extra Parochial	9.2.30	2	15
	Total within the City	203.1.20	2000	11001
Without	St Peters		25	124
	St Johns		107	441
	St Clements		7	33
	Chaines		123	602
	Precincts of the Cathedral	7.0.0	28	201
	St Michaels	8.3.28	99	622
	TOTAL within the PLAN		2439	13104

Births in the Year 1778 419
Burials do 451

REFERENCES

PLACES for WORSHIP

A. St Johns Church
B. St Clements
C. Berkeleys Chapel
D. Presbyterian Meet House
E. All Saints Church
F. St Andrews
G. Lady Huntingdons Chapel
H. St Albans Church
I. St Helens
J. The Cathedral
K. St Michaels
L. St Peters Church
M. Meet house of the People call'd Quakers
N. Do. of the people call'd Methodists
O. St Swithins Church
P. St Martins
Q. Anabaptists Meet house
R. St Nicholas's Church
S. Roman Catholic Chapel
T. Meet house of the People call'd Quakers
U. St Oswalds Chapel
V. Independant Meet house

Hospitals and other Public Edifices:

a. The Infirmary establish'd in 1745, the present Building finish'd in 1772
b. Hospitals for 12 Poor Men endowd by Judge Berkeley of Spetchley in 1692
c. Town Clerk's Office
d. Guild Hall
e. Hospitals for 6 Poor Men endowd by Edw. Wyatt Alderman
f. City Goal
g. Nash's Hospitals for 10 Men & 2 Women endowd in 1664
h. Free School endowd by Queen Elizabeth for the classical education of 12 Boys
i. Moores Blue Coat Hospital for 10 Boys of St Martins Parish
j. Reservoir for the Waterworks & Hospitals endowd by Queen Elizabeth for 20 poor Women
k. Hop Market & Warehouses originally designd for a general Workhouse for the City
l. Inglethorps Hospitals originally endowd for 6 Men & 1 Woman, augmented by addition of 4 Men
m. Shearings Hospitals for 6 Women of 6 Parishes in the City
n. Hospitals founded in 1682 for 6 Men augmented since to 12 and annexed to St Oswalds
o. St Oswalds Hospitals founded before the year 1268 for 10 Men and 4 Women
p. Castle or County Goal
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Prebendial Houses

SCALE — 0 100 200 300 400 433 yards; 0 100 200 300 400 500 600 700 800 900 1000 1100 1200 1300 feet

The Circumference of the City is Miles 3, Furlgs 5, Yards 7

Here was fought Anno 1651 the memorable Battle between King Charles 2d and Oliver Cromwell, wherein the Army of the former was routed and the King escaped to Boscobel in Staffordshire.

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