



Guide to the Surrey Lay Subsidies 1500-1654

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Between the thirteenth and seventeenth centuries the major form of personal taxation in England was through the Lay Subsidies, a tax levied on income from lands or movable goods. The administration of the tax was by counties, then hundreds, and finally parishes. Where records survive, and a surprising number do, they provide name lists of all lay persons sufficiently well-to-do to come within the taxation system. Clerics and the poor are excluded.

The WSFHS has, as a long term aim, the intention of publishing all Surrey Lay Subsidies. Although this will clearly take many years, six volumes have already appeared in the Record Series

- 1 Calendar of Lay Subsidies: West Surrey 1603-1649 (Record Series No 4, 1984)
- 2 Calendar of Lay Subsidies of West Surrey 1585-1603 (Record Series No 7, 1985 out of print - reprinted on microfiche as MS 22)
- 3 Miscellaneous Elizabethan Lay Subsidies Surrey 1570-1600 (Record Series No 12, 1990)
- 4 Calendar of Late Elizabethan & Stuart Lay Subsidies - Central and South-Eastern Surrey 1593-1641 (Record Series No 31, 1999)
- 5 Calendar of Surrey Lay Subsidies - 1543-1547 (Record Series No 37, 2002)
- 6 Calendar of Surrey Lay Subsidies - 1549-1561 (Record Series No 39, 2002)

It is hoped that the 1524 Lay Subsidy will be printed in the next few years. Rolls which will appear in that are indicated by [SRS] after their reference.

Rolls appearing in the above are indicated in the text of this booklet by [RS4], [MS22], [RS12], [RS37] or [RS39] after their reference.

Finally, rolls which have been transcribed for future publication are asterisked; however early publication is unlikely.

Most of the lay subsidy records are to be found in The National Archives at Kew, in Class E179. This class number should prefix the reference number given in the list below to order documents. For example the full reference of the 1545 subsidy roll for Tooting is E179/184/193. The only exceptions are those references beginning SHC: LM: this indicates that the roll is not in The National Archives (TNA) but has been preserved among the Loseley Manuscripts in the Surrey History Centre (SHC) with the class reference LM.

The rolls are dated by regnal year but this has been converted to dates A.D. in the list except where the year is missing or indecipherable. Such rolls appear at the end of the reign of the appropriate monarch.

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The following abbreviations have been used for the various hundreds of Surrey:

BL = Blackheath	R = Reigate
BR = Brixton	S = Southwark
C = Copthorne	T = Tandridge
CY = whole of the county	V = Various hundreds
EF = Effingham	W = Western Surrey (ie Farnham, Godalming, Godley, Blackheath Wotton and Woking and possibly Guildford)
EL = Elmbridge	WA = Wallington
F = Farnham	WK = Woking
GM = Godalming	WT = Wotton
GU = Guildford	
GY = Godley	
K = Kingston	

<i>and:</i>	LM = Loseley Manuscripts
	SAC = Surrey Archaeological Collections
	SHS = Surrey History Centre
	SRS = Surrey Record Society

1503/4	WT, BL (SHC: LM 1499/1)	1526	<i>(continued)</i>
1515	BL, WT (184/131)		T (184/157)*1527
	K, EL (184/132)		GM, GU (184/166)
1523	GM (SHC: LM 1502/1)		CY (184/167)
1524	GM, F (SHC: LM 1502/2)	1535	CY (184/174)
	BR (184/170) [SRS]	1536	K, EL (184/176)*
	K (184/172) [SRS]	1537	GY (184/175)*
	BL, WT (184/137) [SRS]		S (184/178)
	GM (184/138) [SRS]		T (184/180)
	F (184/139) [SRS]	1538	WK (184/179)*
	GU (184/140) [SRS]	1542	CY (184/183)
	EL (184/141) [SRS]	1543	V (184/184)
	CY (184/142)		V (184/185)
	C, EF (184/143) [SRS]		V (184/186)
	S (184/145) [SRS]		K (184/187)
	R, T (184/168) [SRS]	1544	V (184/182)*
	BR (184/146) [SRS]		C, EF (184/188)
	K (184/147) [SRS]		(largely illegible)
	F (184/148) [SRS]		WA, BR (184/189)
	EL (184/149) [SRS]		(largely illegible)
	C, EF (184/150) [SRS]	1544-46	CY (184/202) (fragment)
	WK (184/151) [SRS]	1545	C, EF, EL (184/203)
	WA (184/152) [SRS]		GY (184/204) [RS37]
	GM (184/153) [SRS]		R (184/205)
1525	S (184/154) [SRS]		GM, F (184/206) [RS37]
	GU (184/155) [SRS]		WK (184/207) [RS37]
1526	S (184/164)*		BR (184/190)
	F (184/156)*		S (184/191)

1545 *continued*)

- T (184/192)
 Tooting (184/193) [RS37]
 BL, WT (184/210) [RS37]
 T (184/211)
 S (184/209) [RS37]
 1546 T, R (184/194)*
 K, EL (184/195)
 K, EL (184/196)
 C, EF (184/197)
 BR, WA, S (184/198)
 V (184/199)
 C (184/200)
 T, R (184/220)
 K, EL (184/221)
 C, EF (184/222)*
 S (184/223)
 1547 CY (184/233)
 Henry VIII V (184/237b-e)
 1548 BR (185/224) [RS37]
 C, EF (185/225) [RS37]
 R (185/226) [RS37]
 K, EL (185/227) [RS37]
 T (185/228) [RS37]
 W (185/229) [RS37]
 S (185/230)
 WA (185/231) [RS37]
 1549 W (185/238)
 BR (185/240) [RS39]
 S (185/241)
 WA (185/269) [RS39]
 T (185/242) [RS39]
 CE, F (185/243) [RS39]
 K, EL (185/245) [RS39]
 1550 R (185/244) [RS39]
 BR (185/246)
 C, EF (185/247) [RS39]
 K, EL (185/248) [RS39]
 R (185/249) [RS39]
 T (185/250) [RS39]
 WA (185/255) [RS39]
 GM, F, BL (185/256)
 1551 S, BR (185/257)
 T, R (185/258) [RS39]
 WA (185/263) [RS39]
 C (185/264)

1551 *(continued)*

- K, EL (185/261)
 GM, BL, WT (185/262) [RS39]
 1552 CY (ex F, GY, WA, WK)
 (185/265)
 F (185/268)
 S (185/266)
 WA (185/273)
 Edw VI S (185/232)
 1556 CY (ex BR, WA) (185/275)
 BR (185/276)
 WA (185/277)
 1558 S (185/278)
 T, R (185/282)
 BR (185/283)
 WA (185/284)
 W (185/285) [RS39]
 S (185/286)
 1561 GM (185/280) [RS39]
 1563 T, R (185/281)
 1568 S (185/282)
 1571 W (185/302)*
 C, EF (185/303) [RS12]
 W (185/301) [RS12]
 1576 K, EL (186/391) [RS12]
 T, R (185/308) [RS12]
 WA (185/309) [RS12]
 BR (185/310)
 1577 K, EL, C, EF (257/19) [RS12]
 1582 W (270/8)*
 1586 Bermondsey (146/280)
 1589 St Olave S (185/335)
 W (185/336) [MS22]
 1593 St Olave S (241/335)
 S (186/349) (Printed SAC v.18)
 WA (186/350) [RS12]
 W (186/351) [MS22]
 T, R (186/352) [RS12]
 K, EL, C, EF (186/353) [RS31]
 BR (186/354)
 BR (186/337)
 1594 BR (186/360)
 W (186/361) [MS22]
 S (186/362)
 WA (186/363) [RS12]
 S (186/356) (defective)

- 1594 (continued)
K, EL, C, EF (186/359) [RS31]
- 1595 W (186/357) [MS22]
T, R (186/346) [RS12]
BR (186/347)
WA (186/348) [RS12]
K, EL, C, EF (186/355) [RS31]
- 1598 K, EL, C, EF (186/372) [RS31]
BR (186/369)
S (186/370)*
WA 186/371) [RS12]
- 1599 BR (186/368)
T, R (186/373) [RS12]
WA (186/374) [RS12]
S (186/375a)
- 1600 BR (186/375 and 376)
S (186/377)
WA (186/378) [RS12]
- 1601 BR (186/378a) (defective)
- 1602 K, EL, C, EF (257/21) [RS31]
- 1604 K, EL, C, EF (186/387) [RS31]
- 1607 BR, WA (186/401)* WA only
- 1610 T, R (186/403) [RS31]
- 1622 BR (186/406)
S (186/407)
K, EL, C, EF (186/408) [RS31]
WA (186/409) [RS31]
R (186/410 & 411) [RS31]
W (186/388) [RS4]
T, R (186/412) [RS31]
- 1625 WA (186/417) [RS31]
BR (186/418)
W (186/419) [RS4]
BR (186/420)
R, T (186/421, 424 & 427) [RS31]
S (186/425 and 422)
WA (186/426) [RS31]
K, EL, C, EF (186/428) [RS31]
K, EL, C, EF (186/429)
- 1625 (continued)
K, EL, C, EF (186/423 & 507) [RS31]
- James I S (186/430)
- 1625 W (SHC: LM 1515/1-2)
- 1626 GM (SHC: LM 1516/1-3)
CY (SHC: LM 1513)
GY (SHC: LM 1516/4)
GU (SHC: LM 1517, 1519/1-2, 1520/1)
- 1629 S (186/432 & 435)
T, R (186/433) [RS31]
BR (186/434, 436)
K, EL (186/437) [RS31]
C, EF (186/438) [RS31]
W (186/439 & 440) [RS4]
K, EL, C, EF (186/441) [RS31]
WA (186/442 & 443) [RS31]
- 1641 BR (186/448 & 454)
W (186/451) [RS4]
WA (186/453) [RS31]
Various S (186/452, 454-459)
R (186/460) [RS31]
- 1642 W (187/461) [RS4]
WA (187/464) [RS31]
BR (187/465)
GU, W (187/466) [RS4]
S (St Saviour) (257/22)
S (St Olave) (257/23)
- 1643 BR (257/27)
S (St Thomas) (187/474)
S (part) (187/469)
S (St Olave & St Saviour) (187/470)
R (187/463) [RS31]
S (186/447)
- 1644 S (186/449) (defective)
- Charles I GM, GY (187/475) [RS4]

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