

Mortimers in the 16th century Devon Tax Rolls

In 1524, Henry VIII raised a tax in attempt to fund the war with France. This was repeated again in 1543. These records are among the earliest accessible records of Mortimers in Devon and give us a glimpse of the prosperity and distribution of members of the Mortimer family during the first half of the 16th century. Overall, there were 25 men and women listed in 1524, having already spread to 16 parishes. 19 years later, they had absented from several of the aforementioned parishes but expanded to 19 parishes. The name has been standardised to Mortimer for internet search purposes. Little meaning was attached to the spellings of names in the 1500s and spelling varied widely.

Mortimers in the 1524 Devon Tax Roll

Name	Parish	Hundred	Amount (£)	Type	Additional info	Notes
Thomas Mortimer	Berry Pomeroy	Haytor	2	Goods		
Richard Mortimer	Bradninch	Hayridge	6	Goods		
John Mortimer	Bradninch	Hayridge	7	Goods		
John Mortimer	Colebrooke	Crediton	7	Goods		
Richard Mortimer	Drewsteignton	Wonford	4	Goods		
Thomas Mortimer	East Portlemouth	Coleridge	1	Goods		
John Mortimer	Newton St Cyres	Crediton	3	Goods		presumably father of John of Newton St C, fl. 1543
William Mortimer	Nymet Tracey (Bow)	North Tawton	4	Goods		
Richard Mortimer	Poughill	West Budleigh	3	Goods		
John Mortimer	Rewe	Wonford	18	Goods		
William Mortimer	(Sandford)	Crediton	6	Goods		
Joan Mortimer	(Sandford)	Crediton	5	Goods	widow	
Roger Mortimer	(Sandford)	Crediton	1	Wages		
Nicholas Mortimer	(Sandford)	Crediton	4	Goods		
James Mortimer	(Sandford)	Crediton	20	Goods		

Elizabeth Mortimer	Silverton	Hayridge	2	Goods		probably widow
Joan Mortimer	Stockleigh English	West Budleigh	4	Goods		
Thomas Mortimer	Stokenham	Coleridge	1	Goods		
Robert Mortimer	Stokenham	Coleridge	1	Goods		(senior?)
Robert Mortimer	Stokenham	Coleridge	1	Wages	junior	
Richard Mortimer	Tedburn St Mary	Wonford	10	Goods		
John Mortimer	Tedburn St Mary	Wonford	1	Wages		
Margaret Mortimer	Tedburn St Mary	Wonford	2	Goods		
James Mortimer	Teignmouth	Exminster	4	Goods		
John Mortimer	Woolfardisworthy	West Budleigh	14	Goods	Of Emlett hamlet	

List of parishes with Mortimers in the 1524 tax roll

Those parishes which Mortimers seem to have left before 1543 are highlighted in green.

Parish list	
Berry Pomeroy	Poughill
Bradninch	Rewe
Colebrooke	Silverton
Crediton	Stockleigh English
Drewsteignton	Stokenham
East Portlemouth	Tedburn St Mary
Newton St Cyres	Teignmouth
Nymet Tracey (Bow)	Woolfardisworthy

Mortimers in the 1543 Devon Tax Roll

Name	Parish	Hundred	Amount (£)	Type	Additional info	Notes
Thomas Mortimer	Bery Pomeroy	Haytor	2	Land		B before 1500
Richard Mortimer	Bery Pomeroy	Haytor	2	Goods		Perhaps son of Tho
John Mortimer	Bradninch	Hayridge	10	Goods	senior	

John Mortimer	Bradninch	Hayridge	2	Goods	junior	
Joan Mortimer	Caleleigh	Hayridge	1	Goods		alias Tanner?
John Mortimer	Cheriton Bishop	Wonford	5	Goods		
John Mortimer	Cheriton Fitzpaine	West Budleigh	3	Goods		d. 1587, weaver?
Walter Mortimer	Cheriton Fitzpaine	West Budleigh	1	Goods		
John Mortimer	Colebrooke	Crediton	6	Goods		d. 1568 Colebrooke
Thomas Mortimer	Colebrooke	Crediton	4	Goods		d. 1573 Colebrooke, probably son of above Jno
Richard Mortimer	Drewsteighton	Wonford	9	Goods		b before 1500, line ends?
Thomas Mortimer	East Portlemouth	Stanborough	1	Goods		B before 1500. Line ends?
Hugh Mortimer	Molland	South Molton	1	Goods		line ends
John Mortimer	Newton St Cyres	Crediton	10	Goods		
Edmund Mortimer	Nymet Tracey (Bow)	North Tawton	3	Goods		son of Wm?
Thomas Mortimer	Sandford	Crediton	20	Goods		d. 1581?
William Mortimer	Sandford	Crediton	16	Goods		
Roger Mortimer	Sandford	Crediton	1	Goods		
Walter Mortimer	Sandford	Crediton	1	Goods		
Thomas Mortimer	Sandford	Crediton	4	Goods		d. 1581 Sandford
John Mortimer	Sandford	Crediton	4	Goods		d. 1559, of Priorton
Nicholas Mortimer	Sandford	Crediton	2	Goods		d. 1556 Sandford
Nicholas Mortimer	Stockleigh English	West Budleigh	30	Goods		
John Mortimer	Stoke Canon	Wonford	2	Goods		
Robert Mortimer	Stokenham	Coleridge	2	Goods		

Michael Mortimer	Stokenham	Coleridge	2	Goods		Probably son of Robt
Richard Mortimer	Tedburn St Mary	Wonford	12	Goods		
James Mortimer	Tedburn St Mary	Wonford	1	Goods		
John Mortimer	Thorverton	Hayridge	1	Goods		
Robert Mortimer	Totnes	Coleridge	6	Goods		Rel to Stokenham line?
John Mortimer	Witheridge	Coleridge	1	Goods		Ancestor of Witheridge line
Thomas Mortimer	Woodleighe	Haytor	1	Goods		

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Those parishes which Mortimers are new to appear in since 1524 are highlighted in red.

Sandford	Cadeleigh
Newton St Cyres	Molland
Colebrooke	Bowe
Drewsteignton	Witheridge
Cheriton Bishop	Totnes
Tedburn St Mary	Stokenham
Stockleigh English	East Portlemouth
Cheriton FitzPaine	Woodleigh
Bradninch	Berry Pomeroy
Thorverton	