

Queries relating to the Archaeology of Somersetshire,

ADDRESSED to Residents in the County, disposed to furnish information on any of the subjects referred to, or to assist the Society in their investigations.

Date, *Hundred,* *Parish,*

Name of Respondent,

I.

1. Are there in the Parish any Rocks or Stones which are objects either of tradition, or of popular superstition.
2. Are they naturally adherent to the soil, or placed there by the hand of man?
3. What are they called?
4. What is their Number?
5. Their Positions?

II.

1. Are there any Trees, Wells or Springs, which are of historical or legendary interest?

III.

1. Is there any ancient Road or Trackway in the Parish?
2. Its materials? Construction?
3. To and from what place does it lead?
4. Is it winding or in a straight line?

5. What name and history in the locality, is generally attached to it ?
6. Its direction by compass ?

IV.

1. Is there any spot historically known, or traditionally said, to be a Battle Field ?
2. Have any remains supporting such tradition been found thereon, or in the immediate neighbourhood ?

V.

1. Are there any Earthworks or Encampments ?
2. Any Barrows, Tumuli, or rude Structures, designed for religious or sepulchral uses ; such as Kist Vaens, or Cromlechs, &c. ?
3. Have any of them been explored ?
4. By whom ? and when ?
5. What was discovered in them ?
6. In what position, with reference to compass, were the remains found ?

VI.

1. Are there remains of any Edifices, which may be ascribed to the Romans ?
2. Any Villas, Baths, Pavements, &c. ?

VII.

1. Any similar works, which may be ascribed to the Saxons ?
2. Danes or Normans ?

VIII.

1. Have any ancient Seals, Weapons, Ornaments or other works of art been found ?
2. Any Coins ?
3. If Coins, mention the persons (Emperors, Kings, &c.) whose names they bear, the quantity found together at the same time, and any other articles found with them.

4. State the material of which they were composed : send impressions or representations of them.

IX.

1. Are there, or have there been any other Ecclesiastical Buildings in the Parish besides the existing Church, such as Oratories or private Chapels, &c.?

X.

1. What monastic or conventual establishments have there been in the Parish?
2. To what religious order did they belong?
3. What was the date of their foundation?
4. By whom were they endowed?
5. At what period were they dissolved or suppressed?
6. To whom were their possessions granted?
7. And by whom are they now held?
8. Have any Seals of such Monasteries been preserved?
9. If such Buildings remain, in what state of preservation are they?
10. What objects of interest are still preserved which formerly pertained to these Edifices?

State (if possible) the following particulars respecting these buildings :—

a. Situation of the Church with respect to other Buildings.

b. Situation and description of Cloisters.

c. “ “ of Chapter House.

d. “ “ of Abbot's or Prior's Lodgings.

e. “ “ of Gate-House.

f. “ “ of Hospital.

g. “ “ of other Buildings.

XI.

1. Are there any remains of domestic, civil, or military Edifices, either now occupied or in ruins?

2. Describe their origin, plan, history, present state, and architectural features.
3. Are there any Records of Buildings no longer existing?

XII.

1. Are there any ancient Bridges?
2. Describe their form and construction.

XIII.

1. Are there any remains of ancient Furniture, Costume, or Ornamental Work of any kind, particularly Heraldic, whether in Glass or other material?

XIV.

1. Are there any Crosses in the Parish (not in the Church-yard)?
2. Are they on their original site, and for what purpose were they probably erected?

XV.

1. Are there any Local Phrases or peculiar words in use in the neighbourhood?

XVI.

1. Are there any remarkable Local Airs or Melodies?

XVII.

1. Are there any remarkable Local Songs, Proverbs, or traditionary Tales current?

N.B. The Committee will feel obliged by replies to the foregoing queries being entered neatly, and returned to either of the Secretaries, that they may be arranged in their respective Hundreds, in the Library of the Society. Replies to even a single Query will be deemed of value. When the replies are too long for insertion, a separate sheet should be attached.

Application for advice may be made to the General Secretaries, or the Secretary for the District.