

Game Duty certificates

The shooting of game was one of the country pursuits enjoyed by the landowning classes. As a revenue raising device, shooting required obtaining a Game Duty certificate (cost 3 guineas). Lists of grantees were published in local newspapers each autumn.

These lists are useful in identifying local gentry, including attornies and Oxford academics.

In the case of the parish of Deddington, although numbers varied, on average three certificates a year were issued during 1800-1819, largely to members of the [Churchill family](#).

Deddington

Appletree, William junior Esq	3
Churchill, Rev. Benjamin 2nd son of Samuel Churchill senior	1
Churchill, Fred G. Esq	2
Churchill, Henry Gent (d.1811) Grocer	6
Churchill, Henry (son)	1
Churchill, John Esq Youngest son of Samuel Churchill senior	9
Churchill, Samuel Esq Eldest son of Samuel Churchill senior Solicitor	12
Churchill, Thomas	1
Emberlin, John Papermaker	4
Fidkin, Urban Esq (d.1812) Retired draper from Banbury	1
Field, Samuel Churchill Esq Solicitor	12
Gilks, John	1
Haynes, William Solicitor	1
Marriott, Christopher	1
Platford, John	5

Clifton

Kilby, John 3
Merry, William 3

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General Certificates at 3l. 13s. 6d.

Churchill, Samuel, Esq. *Deddington*;

Churchill, John, Esq. *ditto*;

Field, Samuel Churchill, Esq. *Deddington*;

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Churchill, Fred. G. Esq. *Deddington*;

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*Manor and Fishery of Deddington, with Clifton
and Hempton.*

THE above mentioned Manor having of late years been much trespassed upon, and the Waters much poached by improper persons, the Lords of the Manor have deputed a keeper for the preservation of the same, and request qualified persons not to sport on the said Manor, or fish in any of the waters without leave; - and all unqualified persons hereafter found trespassing will be prosecuted. - By order of the Lords of the Manor.

CHARLES SURMAN, Keeper.

Deddington, Sept. 22, 1818.

