

HISTORICAL DERRINGTON

Derrington in early records, is variously DODINTONE, DODINTON and DUDINGTON; meaning the word is undoubtedly, "the farmstead of DUDDAS people".

The following is an extract from the Domesday book;

'VIII The Land Of Earl Roger.

The same Earl holds Dodintone (Derrington in Seighford) and William hold of him. There is 1h.

There is land for 6 plough. There are 3 villiens with 1 plough. There (are) 2a of meadow.

Woodland 4 furlongs in length and 3 furlongs in breadth. It is worth 20s. Swain (Svain) held it and he was a free man'

Some explanation of this is:

Roger was Earl of Shrewsbury holding considerable property in Staffordshire. William was William de Pantulf a man of extreme wealth and position in border counties.

Robert de Stafford was an important 'Tenant in Chief', in status immediately below Earls.

Hide(h): 120 acres of arable land.

3 Villiens with plough: 3 families, a Villien being a slave who belonged to the village and sold with the land.

Woodland 4 furlongs by 3 furlongs: half a mile by three fifths of a mile – about 100 acres.

There is later reference to a 12th century chapel and the 16th century Stallbrook Hall,

