THE ANCIENT HIGHWAYS AND TRACKS OF WORCESTERSHIRE AND THE MIDDLE SEVERN BASIN:

PART III

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ROAD 40

The Great Eastern Saltway

The saltway running E. from Droitwich is perhaps, as far as the knowledge of the present day goes, the most remarkable of the saltways radiating from that According to the information which the town. surveyors acquired at the time they ordnance made their survey it follows the Droitwich-Alcester road to the E. By. of the county, where it crosses the Evesham-Dudley ridgeway (9 m. 5 f.). It runs via Mere Green (OMI), the Vernon Arms (OMI), Bradley Green (OMI), Feckenham village, and Shurnock. Three times in this part of its course the OM. marks it as a saltway. After crossing the ridgeway it runs along the main road to Alcester (3 m. 2 f.), entering that town by the Ryknield Street. The most remarkable feature of this odd 13 miles of its course is that 7 m. 2 f. of its course is made up of three straight pieces of road, and the last 6 f. of its course is along the Ryknield Street. The three pieces are : (a) from Droitwich to Mere Green (OMI); (b) from Bradley Green Farm (OMI) to just N. of Shurnock; (c) from a point about 3 f. beyond the ridgeway to the Ryknield Street. Of these, (a) is in a straight line with (b), and (b) is pointing straight to where (c) begins. Are these parts of a Roman road running from Droitwich to the Roman station at Alcester? In the present state of our knowledge it is not possible to put the conjecture in any more

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positive form than that of a question; but this may be noticed—that the late Professor Haverfield in his account of Roman Worcestershire expressed the opinion that in Roman times Worcester was a place of comparatively small importance, and Droitwich a place of more prominence, an opinion with which those who know the importance of the salt trade in early and mediaeval times would regard as being most probably true, as far, at any rate, as the respective importance of the two places in Roman times is concerned.

As regards the present road Codrington in his book on Roman roads marks its course with a dotted line as possibly Roman. (For alternative saltway from Droitwich to Alcester, see road 41.) From Alcester the saltway went to Stratford-on-Avon (7 m.). The straightness of the modern road, and the fact that it runs from the Roman station at Alcester has led most authorities on Roman Britain to accept it as a line of Roman road.¹ From the point of view of Saxon nomenclature the name Stratford implies that a made road of some sort did pass the Avon at that point, and implies further that the road was Roman or romanised.

At Stratford the saltway left (?) the line of the Roman road and passed on to Wellesbourne,—not by the modern highroad between those places, but by a slightly more direct minor road via Huncote (OMI). It must have crossed the large brook at Wellesbourne just S. of the village (4 m. 6 f.). From here the way runs for 12 m. 4 f. almost due E. without passing through a village or even a hamlet, and for many miles there is not even a house on it. It is one of the loneliest stretches of road south of the Trent. It passes by Three Gates (OMI), Heath Farm (OMI), and then, with only one unnamed house on it, to

¹ I went over this road with the late Professor Haverfield some thirty years ago. He was then of opinion that it was a Roman road. But a few years later he edited for me a map of Roman Britain in Murray's series of classical maps; and he did not insert this road. But, unfortunately, that map reduces the information on Roman Britain to an irreducible minimum. Codrington regards it as a Roman road leading over the ford of the Avon from Alcester to the Fosse Way which passes only a few miles E. of Stratford.

Priors Marston in Warwickshire. In passing through the parish of Wormleighton it is called *Sealt Straet*, 'Salt Street' (B.946, K.1205).

Its course beyond Marston is conjectural; but it probably went along a well-marked ridgeway to Daventry, and then on to Northampton.

To the Roman character of its course, W. of Stratford-on-Avon, there has been already reason to refer; but its course E. of that town to Priors Marston (18 m.) is extraordinarily direct, almost straight. The application of the term *straet* to it just W. of Priors Marston suggests that that part of the road had been romanised; but it is reasonable to conjecture that the whole course of it from Stratford eastwards had been romanised.¹

Length from Droitwich to Priors Marston, $30\frac{1}{2}$ m.

ROAD 41

A Minor Saltway from Droitwich to Alcester

In Inkberrow parish is a field called Salter Street beside the road running from Stock Wood (OMI) via Arrow to Alcester. Between this road and the great east saltway (Road 40) is the upper part of Brandon Brook (OMI), the basin of which seems to have been difficult to traverse, judging from the fact that even at the present day only one main road—the road through Bradley village, part of which is a local ridgeway,—crosses it from N. to S. It may be, therefore, that this saltway served the villages S. of Brandon Brook, inasmuch as they were not accessible from the great saltway. As to its course from Droitwich to Stock Wood (OMI), it is probable that it went by Shell (OMI) and Goosehill Green (OMI) to join the great saltway near Gallows Green.

¹ I have not had the opportunity of examining this part of the road to see whether there are any signs of an agger. To tell the whole truth,

I suspect that it is an actual Roman road; but this must remain a suspicion till its course is examined.

ROAD 42

Local Road in Feckenham ($4\frac{1}{2}$ m. SSW. of Redditch)

The road which runs S. from near Shurnock hamlet to Holberrow Green (OMI) and beyond is called *Hol Weg*, 'Hollow Way,' in the Shurnock charter B.1006, K.951. It seems to have formed a local connection between the two saltways (Roads 40 and 4).

ROAD 43

Track in Oddingley (3 m. SSE. of Droitwich)

The road in the northernmost part of Oddingley parish which runs from close to Newland Hurst (OMI) to Dunhampstead is called *Weg*, 'track,' in the Oddingley charter B.1108, K.507.

ROAD 44

The Roman Road from Droitwich to Worcester

Codrington 1 and Haverfield 2 both assume the existence of this road.

Along the greater part of its line between the two towns the course of the old road is represented by modern highways. It goes SW. from Droitwich along the line of the modern Worcester-Droitwich road till it arrives at the N. edge of Hindlip Park (OMI). At this point it crossed a stream by a ford called Brad(an) Ford, 'Broad Ford,' in the survey of Husingtree attached to the charter B.1282, K.570. Its line through the park is marked by the parish By. between North Claines and Hindlip; and Codrington reports a line of ditch along it from which apparently the material for the road was dug. This ditch is probably the Eald Dic of the Tapenhall (N. Claines) charter (Earle's Charters, p. 239). It seems as if the traces of the Roman road were not very apparent in what is now Hindlip Park at the time when the survey of Tapenhall was made; otherwise the Saxon surveyors

¹ Roman Roads in Britain. ² Map of Roman Britain, Murray's Series of Classical Handmaps, and *V.C.H. Worc*.

would have almost certainly cited it by name as a landmark. But, though the elucidation of the landmarks of that charter is in certain respects obscure and uncertain, it is possible that the *Brad Straet*, 'Broad Made Way,' of the same charter is a reference to traces of the road S. of the present park. At the present day the line of the road is once more represented by the line of modern road, which begins at Spellis Green (OM6) and runs SSW. via Blackpole (OM1) to Worcester.

Note on the modern main road from Droitwich to Worcester.—That a track along the line of this road had in Saxon times taken, as far as the S. part of the road is concerned, the place of the old Roman road is suggested by the name *Portstraet*, 'Town or Market Way,' which seems to refer to this road. It is in the Tapenhall charter cited above; and the reference is to the part of the road at Fernhill Heath (OMI).

There does not seem any reason to doubt that this Roman road runs NNE. from Droitwich through the site of Brunsgrove to join the Ryknield Street in what are now the southern suburbs of Birmingham. This part of its course is marked by various straight lengths of modern roadway.

ROAD 45

Track in Crowle (4 m. E. by N. of Worcester)

The track which runs along the N. side of Bow Wood (OMI) is called *Maerweg*, 'Boundary Way,' in the great Pershore survey of B.1282, K.570. It was probably a track along the balk of a ploughland.

ROAD 46

The Mickleton-Binton Ridgeway¹ (Ends 3[±]/₂ m. S. of Alaster)

How important this road was formerly it is difficult to say. But in two places in the bounds of Mickleton

¹I should not have noticed this Mickleton survey in K.714 disclosed road had not the references in the its former existence.

the Saxon surveyors recognised it as being a made road at those points; and its extraordinarily straight course N. and S. for several miles on either side of, and through, Long Marston, suggests that it may have been straightened in that part in Romano-British times. But it is possible in this case that the straightening may be modern.

The road itself was a branch of the Cotswold-Shipston-on-Stour ridgeway, running from it N. to a crossing of the Avon at Binton Bridges. In its southern part it runs along a very low watershed.¹ In its northern section its ridgeway character is much more easily discernible on the map.

It probably left the Cotswold-Shipston ridgeway (Road 27) about $\frac{1}{2}$ m. E. of the S. end of the hamlet of Hidcote Bartrim, and ran first N. along a minor road for about I f., and then W., also along a minor road or t.; then along the short piece of mr. which connects Hidcote with the main road just E. of Kingsgate Court (OMI). At this point it is called *Straet*, 'made Road,' in the Mickleton survey of K.714 (circ. 6 f.).

Hence it passed along the narrow watershed between Gran Brook (OMI), the Grene Broc, 'Green Brook,' of the Mickleton charter, and the upper waters of another brook which flows just S. of Kingsgate Court. It must have passed over, or close to, the site of the house at Kingsgate Court, and then turned NNW. along a low watershed between the two brooks just mentioned. It went on to join somewhere N. of Mickleton village the road from Mickleton to Long This road has drainage channels cut on Marston. either side of it; but the old stream courses lie respectively $\frac{1}{4}$ m. W. and $\frac{1}{2}$ m. E. of it (2 m. 1 f. to the N. By. of Mickleton). At the point where it passed the N. By. of the parish it was called Straet in the Mickleton charter.

From the N. By. of Mickleton its course is due N., mr., through Long Marston and Welford to a crossing

¹ The one main road across Pevensey Marsh near Eastbourne, in Sussex is throughout a ridgeway

only a few feet above the level of the marsh on either side of it.

of the Avon where Binton Bridges now stand (OMI) (4 m. 5 f.).

Total length of road, 7 m. 4 f.

ROAD 47

Track in Oddingley (3 m. SSE. of Droitwich)

The road on the W. By. of Oddingley, which runs down eventually to Smite Hill (OMI), is called *Grene Weg*, 'Green Way,' in the Oddingley charter B.1108, K.507.

ROAD 48

Local Track in North Claines $(2\frac{1}{2} \text{ m. N. of Worcester})$

In the Tapenhall charter (Earle, *Charters*, p. 239) is mention of *Linaceran Weg*, 'Way of the Ploughlands where Flax is grown.' Its name survives partly in that of Linacres Farm (OM6). It must have passed along the line of the modern road which runs. N just W. of the farm.

ROAD 49

Ridgeway from Worcester N. up the E. bank of the Severn

This was evidently a very important road in former times; but it is, of all the roads of the middle Severn basin, the one the nature of which is most difficult to determine. Was it eventually a ridgeway or a Roman road? That it was originally a ridgeway there is no reason to doubt. But the question is as to what it was at the time when the Saxons of the age of the charters saw it. The map of Roman Britain issued by the Ordnance Survey does not mark even a conjectural Roman road along this line. But the late Professor Haverfield, who was drastic in his elimination of doubtiul material from the Romano-British map, went so far as to put a dotted line indicating a possible Roman road running up this side of the Severn from Worcester to Wroxeter (Uriconium). On general grounds the

conjecture is perhaps probable, especially if the existence of a Roman road from Gloucester to Worcester be accepted. It is exceedingly probable, for instance, that the Severn was at some period of the Roman advance from the E. westwards a temporary frontier; and, if the Romans carried out in this instance the policy which they seem to have carried out in previous advances westward, the policy of making along the frontier for strategic purposes such roads as the Akeman Street, the Ryknield Street and the Fosse Way, they may have done the same along the line of the Severn. W. of the Severn the curious limb of the Watling Street which comes down from Church Stretton to near Hereford has no conceivable raison d'etre save as a frontier way. The Romans had in the legions a band of labourers who had to be kept employed when there was no fighting on hand; and certainly up to the time of Hadrian, and possibly later, they used them as road makers. When the evidence, or alleged evidence, as to the existence of this or that Roman road is examined, it will be found to run to two extremes: that of those who will not acknowledge the existence of any Roman road save those which are mentioned in the Antonine Itinerary and one or two more of unmistakably Roman construction; and that of those who are ready to assume that any road which has a straight course for several miles must be ascribed to Roman making, forgetting, or not knowing, that many such straight stretches of road date from no earlier than the Enclosure Acts of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. But a middle course may be taken between these two extremes, namely the conjecture that some of the minor, or less elaborately constructed Roman roads may not be represented on the modern map. No one who knows anything of the archaeology of Roman Britain would be likely to assert that all that can be known about it is known already. It is only within the last ten years that it has been pointed out that, apart from the purely Roman roads, there exist what have now been called 'romanised roads,' i.e. pre-Roman tracks, mainly ridgeways, which were ' made '

in parts during the Roman period.¹ It was from the Saxon charters that their existence was first recognised.

In actual fact, the Roman road, if such existed, can only have followed the line of this ridgeway for a few miles N. of Worcester.

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Goes due N. along main street of Worcester and the Ombersley road to Oak Farm (OM6) about 3 f. NW. of Claines village, where it is called Sandiht Straet, 'Sandy Street,' in the Tapenhall charter (Earle's Charters, p. 239) (3 m.). Hence N., mr., to the passage of the Salwarp river near Hawford Mill (OMI) (5 f.). Hence N., mr., to a point about I f. S. of Barnhall Farm (OMI) (1 m. 2 f.). Hence ENE., no t., to crossroads 1 f. ESE. of Barnhall Farm (OMI) (circ. 2 f.). Hence ENE., mr., to a point about 300 yds. short of Hadley House (OMI) (4 f.). Hence N. along t. through Knight's Grove (OM6), the large wood NW. of Hadley House (OMI), to the N. edge of the wood (5 f.). Thence N. by W., fp., to Gardner's Grove, the wood N. of Knight's Grove (2 f.). Hence, no t., past the school 400 vds. E. of the crossroads in Ombersley village, through the N. part of that village across to a point somewhere SW. of Uphampton village (1 m. 3 f.). Thence due N., mostly by fp. and t. to Battenton Cross (OM6) (1 m. 1 f.). Thence due N. and later NW., minor rd., to the crossroads 1 m. NE. of Lineholt (OMI) (4 f.). Thence., N., mr., to bend in road at NW. angle of Bishop's Wood (OMI) (I m. I f.). Thence NE., fp., to the crossroards 1/4 m. S. of Waresley (OMI) (1 m.). Thence E., mr., to the road meeting i f. N. of Bassage Farm (OMI) (I m. I f.). Thence NE., and later E., mr., to the road meeting about 350 yds. ENE. of the church at Elmley Lovett (OMI) (circ. 5 f.). Thence N., mr., to bend in road on the NE. edge of Shenstone hamlet (OMI) (2 m. 3 f.). Thence generally E., minor rd., and later mr., to the N. edge of Winterfold hamlet (5 f.). Then

¹ See the introductory matter on the romanised road.

E., no t., to meet a road 180 yds. S. of Newhouse Farm (OMI) (I m.). Thence ENE. first fp. (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ f.) and later mr. to a point I f. short of Tanwood House (OMI), passing on the way through the main street of Bluntington village $(4\frac{1}{2} f.)$. Then NE., fp., to Barrow Hill (OMI) (4 f.). Then ENE., mr., to road running N. from Broom Hill (5 f.). Then S., mr. (2 f.). Then E. by N., fp. (2 f.), later mr. (1 f.), later minor road (I f.) to Hurst Farm (OMI). Then, no t., along a line curving first ENE. and later ESE. to get round the head of a stream, to meet a fp. about 4 m. W. of Fairfield Court (OMI) (circ. 7 f.). Then ESE. fp., to the Inn (OMI) on the main road just at the N. end of Fairfield hamlet (4 f.). Then NE., fp., turning later N., to a point on a rd. about $\frac{1}{4}$ m. SE. of The Gutter (OMI) (I m. I f.). Then NE., later E., minor road, to the mr. near Bankhouse Farm (OMI) (circ. 4 f.). Then NNE., no t., to road about 300 yds. S. of Chapman's Hill (OMI) (circ. 2 f.). Then, generally N., mr., via Chapman's Hill (OMI) to meet the great Evesham-Dudley ridgeway near Davhouse Bank (4 f.).

Total length of ridgeway, 23 m. 4 f.

ROAD 50

Local Road in Whittington (2 m. SE. of Worcester)

The road which forms the S. By. of the parish for a short distance, running W. from the N. end of the drive of Wood Hall (OMI), is called *Read Weg*, 'Red Track,' in the Whittington charter K.670. It is now part of the Worcester-Pershore road; but it probably was originally no more than a local track which developed along a balk on the By. of the land-unit.

ROAD 51

Road in Wolverley (2 m. N. of Kidderminster)

From Shatterford (OMI) a road branches off SE. from the Bewdley-Bridgenorth ridgeway. In the Wolverley charter B.513, K.292, it is called the *Eald* Weg, 'Old Way.' It cannot be definitely traced

further than the S. By. of Wolverley, and was probably no more than an old local track providing communication with the ridgeway.

ROAD 52

Road in Wolverley (2 m. N. of Kidderminster)

The road running from Caunsall (OMI) in Wolverley to the E. By. of the parish is called *Weg*, 'way' or Track,' in the *Culnan Clif* (Wolverley) charter B.II34, K.75I. It is probable that it was originally no more than a track within the land unit leading to lands on the boundary of the unit.

ROAD 53

Road in Wolverley (2 m. N. of Kidderminster)

The road running close to the SE. By. of Wolverley parish is called *Weg*, 'way' or 'track,' in the *Culnan Clif* (Wolverley) charter B.1134, K.751. Its original course was probably along the actual line of the By. Also it probably originated in an occupation road which developed, as so many local roads did, along the balks of the ploughlands in that part of the parish.

ROAD 54

The Acton Beauchamp Saltway (1) (7 m. NW. of G. Malvern)

In the survey of Acton Beauchamp attached to the great Pershore charter B.1282, K.570, there is mention of a *Saltera Weg*, 'Salt Carriers' Way,' which is the road which cuts across the parish in a general direction from W. to E. to Acton Green (OMI). On general grounds it is fairly certain that it came from Droitwich via Worcester. There is plenty of evidence, quoted in relation to other roads in this middle Severn region, of the fact that Salt Carriers used ridgeways where they could. It is probable, therefore, that this saltway went SSE. from Acton along the mr. down to the Worcester-Hereford road. This piece of road, about 2 m. long, is a ridgeway. There is a Ridgeway

Farm (OMI) on it. After that its line to Worcester would be along the Roman road (Road 72) from Kentchester to Worcester, which went more or less along the line of the present Hereford-Worcester road via Storridge, Leigh Sinton, to Bransford.

ROAD 55

The Tenbury-Bromyard Ridgeway

This ridgeway is partly in Worcestershire and partly in Herefordshire.

Begins at Tenbury which, like so many towns great and small, probably owes its original growth in size to the fact that an important ridgeway crossed an important river at the point.

Its course at first is marked for a considerable distance by the modern Tenbury-Worcester road, which runs somewhat S. of E. from the town to Upper Rochford (OMI) (2 m. 4 f.). It then runs in a general direction ESE. by S. along the same road to Broad Heath (OMI), where a branch ridgeway runs first SW. and then S. from it (2 m. 4 f.). Same direction and same road (3 f.). Then turns S., its old course being marked by an extraordinarily continuous line of fp. past Lea Green (OMI), till it meets the Great Witley-Bromyard road about I m. E. of Wolferlow village (2 m. 2 f.). Then S. along the modern Witley-Bromyard road, here called High Lane (OMI), by Tedstone Wafter village right on to Bromyard (4 m. 2 f.). Total length of the ridgeway, II m. 7 f.

From Tenbury a ridgeway, which can be easily traced in a direction due N. over Clee Hill, Brown Clee Hill, and the watershed at the N. end of Corve Dale, led to Much Wenlock in Shropshire.

From Bromyard a ridgeway, broken by two stream passages, led SW. to Hereford. It went first due S., mr., to Murderfield Stocks (OMI). Then W. and WSW., t.; to Stoke Lacy, where it crossed the river Lodon. Then SW. along the line of the Hereford-Worcester road to Sutton Marsh, where it crossed a brook. Then SW. for about 2 m. along a ridge to a

passage of the river Lugg at Lugg Bridge (OMI). And so to Hereford.¹

ROAD 56

The Tenbury-Hereford Ridgeway

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From Tenbury slightly W. of S., mr., past Old Wood (OMI) to about I f. short of Cinders (OMI) (2 m. 2 f.). Thence E., no t., to a fp., meeting it at a point about I f. NE. of Birchley Farm (OMI) (6 f.). Thence SSE. for about 1 m. 1 f. along fp. and parish By.; and after that in the same direction along t., a bridle road, to where it meets a mr. at a point a long furlong N. of Kyre Green Farm (OMI) (I m. 6 f.). Hence S., mr., to The Birches (OMI) (6 f.). Hence SSW., mr., to Grendon Green (OMI) (2 m. 5 f.). Hence ESE., mr., to an inn (OMI) about $\frac{1}{4}$ m. N. of Bredenbury village (5 f.). Hence S. by E., mr., to meet the Bromyard-Hereford ridgeway about $\frac{1}{2}$ m. NE. of Stoke Lacy village (4 m. 1 f.).

For rest of course to Hereford, see Road 55.

ROAD 57

Ridgeway from Bromyard to the Malvern road (Road 60) and Ankerdine Ridgeways

Without the Herefordshire 6 in. maps it is not possible to give a detailed account of the first few miles of this way out of Bromyard. At Bromyard it crossed the river Frome and seems to have followed the course of the Bromyard-Worcester road as far as a point about 300 yds. SSW. of the lake at Brockhampton Park (OMI) (2 m. 1 f.). There it divided into two branches. The northern one, which is probably of much later development than the southern, followed the Bromyard-Worcester road as far as the church (OMI) on Bringsty Common (7 f.). Up to that point that road is a ridgeway. Its line from here

¹ I have not given the courses of the ridgeways N. of Tenbury and S. of Bromyard in detail, as I have

to Sapey Bridge is not. The old ridgeway continued probably along the line of the ridge in an ENE. direction along a line of minor roads which branches off from the mr. about 3 f. E. of the church, and leads down to Sapey Bridge via Huntlands (OMI) (I m. 3 f.). After crossing the brook where the bridge now stands, it went in a general direction E. along the present Bromyard-Worcester road to Knightsford Bridge (OMI) (*circ.* 6 f.), where it would join up with the Ankerdine ridgeway (Road 60), running N., and with the Malvern Hills ridgeway (Road 60), running S.

It is only possible to speak with diffidence of the other branch of it. There are circumstances in favour of its probable existence : notably, that the earliest highways did not cross streams like that at Sapey Bridge,—still less the difficult land bordering on them, if there was any other way round, and even if the way round was circuitous; and there was in this case a way round.

Its line would leave the Bromyard-Worcester road at that point on it 300 yds. SSW. of the lake in Brockhampton Park (OMI), which is mentioned above. Thence S., fp., to the crossroads at the church (OMI) at Linley Green (7 f.). Thence N., gradually tending E., minor road, to Ferny Bank (OMI) (I m. 2 f.). Thence SE., fp. (2 f.). Thence SSE., no t., over the railway, at which point the watershed is only I f. broad, to a fp. 2 f. W. of Peacroft Farm just N. of Suckley Green (OMI) (*circ.* 4 f.). Thence E. by the fp. (6 f.). Thence, still E., no t., to the Malvern Hills ridgeway (2 f.).

It is possible that this branch represents the oldest form of this ridgeway. The terminus at which both branches aimed was probably Knightsford, in Doddenham parish.

ROAD 58

An Acton Beauchamp Ridgeway

The part of this ridgeway S. of Acton Green (OMI) has been mentioned in connection with the Acton Beauchamp saltway (Road 54). From Acton Green

it runs a little W. of N. to join the S. branch of the ridgeway from Bromyard to the Malvern Hills (Road 57) at Linley Green, following a main modern road all the way (2 m.).

ROAD 59

The Redmarley d'Abitot Saltway

In the Redmarley d'Abitot charter B.1109, K.510 Sealtera Forda, 'Ford of the Salt Carriers,' is twice mentioned.

The ford was in the N. part of the parish of Redmarley, over Glynch Brook at Bury Mill, a long furlong WSW. of Redmarley Park (OM1).

The course of this road is quite uncertain. In the first place it may have been either a Droitwich saltway, or one from some saltern on the Severn estuary. It is probable that this saltway ran from the Salter's Ford to join the Malvern Hills ridgeway in the neighbourhood of Bromsberrow Place (OMI), and passed N. up that ridgeway (Road 60) as far as Storridge (OMI), and then along the general line of the old Roman road (Road 72) to Worcester via Leigh Sinton and Bransford.

ROAD 60

The Ankerdine Hills Ridgeway

With some notes on a possible Ridgeway over the range of the Malvern Hills

The Ankerdine Hills ridgeway is to the N. of the Teme; and its line is well marked by modern roads. The question is whether it was continued S. of the Teme by a track along the comb of the Malvern Hills and the ridge which runs N. from them to the Teme. That such a line of trackway existed in primitive times is in itself probable; but the fragmentary nature of such evidence as there is for its existence suggests that as a line of communication it passed out of use at a comparatively early age in the historic period, and certainly did not, like so many ridgeways did, continue

in use till quite modern times. As in the case of the Bredon-Tewkesbury ridgeway (Road 17) the height to which travellers would have to ascend in making use of it may have led to other tracks being substituted for it. The fact, too, that there never arose any centre of population at the point where the Ankerdine ridgeway abuts on the Teme would further suggest that the two ways, if there were two, were never largely used in the historical period.

The Ankerdine ridgeway begins at Knightsford Bridge (OM1) in Doddenham parish, about 6¹/₄ m. W. of Worcester, and runs N. to the comb of Ankerdine Hill along mr. Continues NNE. along the comb of the hill, the ridge of which is at one point so sharp that there is only room for the breadth of the road. Arrives at a meeting of roads about 3 f. SSW. of Berrow Green (OMI) (circ. 1 m. 4 f.). By this time it has descended the N. slope of Ankerdine Hill. From this point for some distance N. there were probably two tracks: (1) the ridgeway proper which went over the comb of Berrow Hill through the camp on the top of it; (2) a line which followed that of the modern mr., and, later, fp., through Berrow Green (OM1). The two lines would unite again near Berrow Farm (OM1) (5 f.). Thence fp. nearly due N. to Kingswood Common (OMI) (circ. 5). Along the comb of the ridge to Hillend Farm (OMI) at the S. end of Rodge Hill (OMI) (circ. 4 f.). Then N., t., all the way, along the comb of Rodge Hill to where the track meets a road coming from Shelsley Beauchamp on the SSW. (circ. 1 m. 6 f.). Thence partly on mr., partly no t, partly t., in a direction generally NNE. to the camp on Woodbury Hill (OMI), where it joins the Worcester ridgeway (Road 34) which runs W. of the Severn (OMI) (6 f.).

If there was a ridgeway along the comb of the Malvern Hills, then it was a continuation of this Ankerdine ridgeway, and must have started from Knightsford.

That there were local ridgeways on the Suckley Hills to the S. of the Teme is plain from the modern map. But the continuity of the ridge towards the N. end of the Malvern Hills is broken by a stream of some

size which has cut its way through it; and this may have been sufficient to render the ridgeway unpopular as a through route, if indeed it was ever used as such.

The traces of the ridgeway S. of the Teme begin at the N. end of the Suckley Hills, at the point where the Worcester-Leominster railway passes round them. The modern road from Knightsford Bridge (OMI) to that point comes from the NW., though the real end of the ridge of the Suckley Hills is about 3 f. lower down the Teme. But the ridge ends in a low cliff; and that may have caused the track to diverge to a ford where the bridge now stands.

From the railway the ridgeway is marked by a modern track running more or less due S. without a break past Crew's Hill (OMI) to a point about $\frac{3}{4}$ m. S. of the hill. Then it turns W. over a low watershed to a parallel ridge¹ and runs S. down the comb of that to a point about 1 m. W. of Tunbridge Mill (OMI) (from Knightsford, 4 m. 2 f.). Here the modern track gives out, and the line of the old way is marked by a line of hedge going down to what is a small river, the upper waters of Leigh Brook, the Temedel, 'Little Teme,' of the Beornothes Leah survey in B.1282, K.570, at Longley Green (OMI); and then S. of the brook by a line of hedge into the N. end of Halesend Wood (OMI) (circ. 5 f.). Hence S. through the wood, t., to the S. end of the wood (7 f.). Then turns E., no t., to the road coming into Storridge (OMI) from the N.² (2 f.).

Turns S. along the road through Storridge, and then S. by fp. into Whitman's Hill Coppice (OMI) (3 f.). Then S. by t. through the coppice to the woods S. of it (7 f.), as far as Croft Farm (OM6), I f. WNW. of the church at West Malvern. Then due E. by road and t. to the summit of the ridge at the head of the Green Valley (4 f.). This brings it to the N. end of the Malvern Hills proper.

Thence S. by t. which in all probability originally followed the parish By., over the summit of Worcester-

¹ A local ridgeway runs N. up the ridge from this point.

² This road is a local ridgeway about 2 m. long, running N. from this point.

shire Beacon (OMI) to the Co. By. 3 f. NW. of Upper Wyche (OMI) (1 m. 2 f.). Hence S. along fp. and Co. By. to tumuli on the hill above Malvern Wells (circ. 1 m. 3 f.). Thence S. along Co. By. and the Shire Ditch, with a fp. following the general line of the ditch, past the great camp and earthworks on Hereford Beacon to a point about 5 f. S. of the summit of the Beacon (2 m. 1 f.). (Here it had to bend slightly W. to get round the head of a stream.) Then W. of S. and later SW., fp., to the Keeper's Lodge at the NE. corner of Eastnor Park (OMI) (5 f.). Then SE. along parish By., no t., to the N. ditch of a camp, where it rejoins the Co. By. (circ. 3 f.). Thence S., no t., for a long distance along the Co. By. over Ragged Stone Hill (OMI) and Chase End Hill (OMI) to Bromberrow Place (OMI) on the border of Redmarley d'Abitot (circ. 2 m. 2 f.). S. of this it must have crossed Glynch Brook (OMI). It went probably more or less SSW. along a line of t. and fp. which crosses Glynch Brook (OMI), and meets the Ledbury-Redmarley road about 500 yds. ENE. of Great Lintridge (circ. 1 m. 1 f.). This road is a ridgeway right through Redmarley parish. Hence SSE., mr., past Redmarley church, and then SW. to Durbridge Mill (OMI) in the SW. corner of Redmarley parish (circ. 2 m. 5 f.). This piece of road through Redmarley is probably the Heah Straet, 'High Street,' of the Redmarley charter K.619. Here the road crossed the Leadon River into Gloucestershire. (See Road 73.)

Length of Ankerdine Ridgeway, 5 m. 1 f.

Length of (presumed) Malvern Hills Ridgeway, 19 m. 4 f.

Length over all, 24 m. 5 f.

ROAD 61

A Local Way in Grimley

From Sinton Green in Grimley (OMI) there runs NW. a piece of road to the edge of Monk Wood. On either side of it, and adjoining it, are two fields called Yardway.

At the NW. angle of the same wood a track runs NW. to the W. By. of Grimley parish, and then N. along the last 150 yds. of that By. to the S. By. of Holt parish. This piece of road is called Fif Acana Weg, 'The Way of the Five Oaktrees,' in the Wic charter B.219, K.126. In the Witley (really Holt) charter B.1242, K.561, this same piece of road is called Gird Weg, 'Rod Way' or 'Yard Way,' which implies that it was about a rod, i.e. $16\frac{1}{2}$ ft. broad. Nor can there be much doubt that this piece of road is a continuation of the Yardway down by Sinton. Therefore, the old track must have passed through the middle of Monk Wood. As the breadth of a Roman road in this country was about 16 ft. it might be worth the while of some archaeologist to examine the interior of Monks Wood and see whether there is any sign of the agger of a Roman road in it. It is significant, in a sense, that this Yardway is on what would be the line of a Roman road from Worcester N. to join that possible Roman road, the existence of which is discussed in the account of Road 62.

ROAD 62

A Piece of Roman Road (?) on the Witley Boundary

The first Bedwardine charter ¹ has attached to it surveys ² which present throughout many difficulties, and never more so than when they part company at the twenty-fifth landmark on the borders of Little Witley. The first contains a landmark (27) called the Syllweg, 'Pillar Way.'³ This way is mentioned as a

¹ See Birmingham Arch. Soc. Transactions, vol. lii, pt. I, pp. 12 ff.

² There are two surveys attached to the charter. Up to the twenty-fourth landmark of each of them they correspond. After that the landmarks are not the same until the *Doferic*, Sharwley Brook, is reached. What appears to be the case—I say 'appears' advisedly, for the landmarks of these two surveys are by no means certain of definition after they impinge on the Witley By., and the surveys of the (Bentley) Holt charters render the problem more, rather than less, difficult,—is that the first of the two, *Wic* (Bedwardine) surveys includes Little Witley, and the second does not.

³ In my notes on this charter I queried the translation 'Pillar.' But since then I have come across a note sent me by the late Dr. Henry Bradley on the name Silchester in Hants, in which he points out that the name is almost certainly *Sylceaster*, where *Syl* refers to the columns standing in the forum of the old Roman town.

landmark in the Witley charter K.682, and the crossreference shows it to have been on the line of the road which runs along the S. By. of Little Witley. The other significant landmark is the Mila Stan, which occurs in the second variant part of the two Wic surveys. That the Saxons never set up milestones on roads may be regarded as certain. The only other reference to a milestone in the charters is in that of Wootton St. Lawrence in Hampshire, K.673, where it is called Milgemaet, and the reference is to the third or fourth milestone from Silchester on the Roman road from that place to Old Sarum (Sorbiodunum). The Worcestershire milestone was not on the part of the Syllweg mentioned in the other variant piece of survey, but may have been on the Droitwich-Great Witley road about I f. W. of Hurst Farm (OMI) in Holt parish.¹

It is difficult to account for the name of the Pillar Way except under the supposition that the reference was to a Roman milestone. If there was not a Roman road through this region of the county then the *Mila Stan* is inexplicable. So in a sense is the name of the *Syllweg*. The line of the Syllweg would point to a vanished Roman road which went W. from Droitwich. The importance of the salt trade would render such a road one that was likely to be made in Roman times, for otherwise the communication between the salt area and Mid Wales would be circuitous, since there is no ridgeway leading from Droitwich or from near it in that direction.

The only other possible trace of this road in the charters is in the Salwarpe charter B.360-I-2, K.212, where the road running along the S. edge of Westwood Park (OMr) is called *Straet*. The modern road is winding, and, as the N. By. of Salwarpe suggests, was so in Saxon times. But the reference in the charter may be to a piece of it where it coincided with a former Roman road, the 'made' character of which was apparent to the Saxon surveyors.

¹ The identity of the Syllweg is practically certain; but any one who reads my notes on the surveys of the Wic charters will see that the identity of the site of the Mila Stan is most

uncertain. This is very tantalising and unfortunate, because a line through it and the *Syllweg* would have given the direction in which the Roman road ran.

That this road led to the Watling Street is certainly the case; and the fact that some miles from Droitwich its line is running W. from that place would suggest that it led to the Roman station at Bravonium, the modern Leintwardine.

ROAD 63

The Bewdley Ridgeway

A branch ridgeway; but probably an important one.

Went off from the Worcester-Much Wenlock ridgeway at Clows Top (OMI) in Mamble parish. Went NE., no t. (I) at first to t. past Gybhouse Farm (OMI) and to main Tenbury-Bewdley road (I m.). This road is on the line of the ridgeway right to Bewdley (4 m.). Total length, 5 m.

Across the Severn it connected with an important ridgeway (Road 65).

ROAD 64

Rock Ridgeway

A purely local ridgeway; but very marked.

Goes E. from the Worcester-Much Wenlock ridgeway $\frac{1}{2}$ m. S. of Clows Top (OMI). Due E., t., to Rock Moor (OMI) (5 f.). SE., t. and mr. to Rock village (2 f.). ESE. past Castle Farm (OMI) and Palmer's Farm (OMI) to Joan's Hole (OMI) (2 m. 4 f.) where it ends.

Total length, 3 m. 3 f.

ROAD 65

The Bewdley-Bridgnorth Ridgeway

This ridgeway is a continuation E. of the Severn of the Bewdley Ridgeway (Road 63) to the W. of the river.

It almost certainly passed the Severn at or near where the bridge at Bewdley stands. The determina-

tion of its course just after it passed the river calls for investigation on the spot. But the general line is marked by the lie of the ground and the courses of the streams. It is probable that it ran up the fp. which runs first NNW. and then N. from Wribbenhall village to Crundalls Farm (OMI) and then NNE. to Hall's Farm (OMI) (I m. 3 f.). From there it may have followed the minor road which joins the mr. about $\frac{1}{4}$ m. S. of Trimpley, or, what is more probable, have followed the comb of the ridge, no t., to Trimpley itself (4 f.). The mr. N. from Trimpley is on its line. I m. I f. N. of Trimpley, and about $\frac{1}{4}$ m. S. of Shatterford it is called the *Micel Streat*, 'Great Street,' in the Wolverley charter B.513, K.292. This road is on its line as far as the Co. By. (I m.).

From there the Co. By, is almost certainly on the line of the old road for a long distance. The By, runs at first NE. and then W. of N. to the church at Tuckhill (4 m.) where it leaves the line of the road.¹

The old road went on up the comb of the ridge N. to near Upper Farmcote (OMI) (I m. 7 f.), and then turned W. along a ridge and passed through the grounds of Quatford Castle to Bridgnorth.

Total length of road, 12 m. 7 f.

road 66

The Clent Hills Ridgeway

This is in a sense a branch of the great Stow-Evesham-Dudley Ridgeway.

It branches off from the latter at Gannow Farm (OM6), which is about I f. W. of Dayhouse Farm (OM1) in Romsley parish. Runs, mr., generally W. past Dayhouse Farm (OM1); and about $\frac{1}{4}$ m. beyond the latter turns N. by W., mr., to the crossroads at the S. end of Romsley village (I m.). Hence it went either NW., mr., to the rectory of Romsley (OM1) (4 f.), or by the line of footpath which runs more or less parallel with this piece of road and enters a mr.

¹ I have not the 6 in. maps of this region, and, therefore, cannot say

whether the Co. By. is marked by lines of track.

about I f. SSW. of the rectory. Follows this road first SSW. and then W. past Whitehall Farm (OMI) to where it ends at the bottom of Walton Hill (OMI) (5 f.). Must then have gone, no track, over the summit of the hill, NW., and down the other side of it to Offmoor Common (OM6) (5 f.).

[What was evidently an alternative line at this part of its course, used when the upper parts of the streams were dry, ran first along a line of footpath running WNW. from the road I f. SSW. of the rectory as far as the foot of the projecting bastion of Walton Hill, and then along what is obviously a very ancient line of road which runs from the extremity of the bastion to Offmoor Common (OM6).¹]

From Offmoor Common the ridgeway must have gone firsta long a road running WNW. and then along the line of the track through the middle of the wood which lies immediately outside the easternmost part of Hagley Park (OMI), and have continued beyond the wood to a line of footpath which, running NW., marks its course as far as Hagley Hill (OMI) (I m.).

From Hagley Hill Farm W. along mr. (*circ.* 1 f.). Then NNE., mr., 2 f. Then NW., fp., to the E. edge of Wychbury Camp (OM1) (3 f.).

Through the camp a parish By. runs W. ; and this was probably the line of the road until it reached the road running now S. from Pedmore village (4 f.). Thence it must have gone due W. along the watershed, first along a line of hedge, and then along a minor road which reaches to a road passing N. and S. along the Co. By. at a point about 3 f. S. of Norton Covert (OMI) (I m. 4 f.).

Here it turned N. along the Co. By., the line of which was probably determined by the old ridgeway, till the By. reaches the Stour (2 m. 7 f.). There is sometimes a track, sometimes no track, along this

the name which I invented for them in my article on 'Ancient Highways,' in Arch. Journ., vol. lxxiv (xxiv). But in Worcestershire, with its much less absorbent soil, this type of road is very rarely found; and, when it exists, exists only in short stretches.

¹ Such alternatives to ridgeways or parts of ridgeways are very common in the chalk districts, where the upper parts of streams are apt to run dry in summer, so much so that in those districts nearly all the great ridgeways have corresponding Summerways,

part of its course. In this part it is called *Straet* in the Swinford charter B.1023.

It is unusual for the passage of a ridgeway across a considerable river to be unmarked by any centre of population, and the centre is generally a considerable one; but the point where this road passed the Stour, about $\frac{3}{4}$ m. SSW. of the centre of Wordsley village, is not marked even by a hamlet. But at this point the Stour has broken through a very marked line of ridge which continues N. of the river; and along that ridge the ridgeway was undoubtedly continued.

North of this its course is in Staffordshire, and it could only be followed in detail on 6 in. maps of that county. It went N. through the length of Ridgehill Wood (OMI), and still NW. and then NE. till near Wallheath, which it left to the W., and then turned ENE. by N. to join the Stow-Evesham-Dudley ridgeway in its continuation to Wolverhampton, at Sedgely (6 m. 4 f.).

It will be seen that it is essentially a loop road, longer than the line of the corresponding part of the main ridgeway through Dudley. It is probable that it served no more than the localities through which it passed, the through traffic taking the Dudley route. That may perhaps account for the fact that the crossing of the Stour is unmarked by any centre of population.

ROAD 67

The Heightington (Rock) Ridgeway

This is a well-marked local ridgeway.

It branches off SE. from the Bewdley ridgeway (Road 63) at Horton's Pound (OM6) about $\frac{1}{4}$ m. NE. of Fieldhouse Farm (OM1) in Rock parish. Goes SE. by road, and, later, t., past Bransley Farm (OM1); and then E. by t. to the main road at the S. end of Gorst Hill (OM1) (circ. 1 m. 1 f.). Then goes SE. along mr. past Heightington (OM1) as far as Dunley (OM1) (3 m. 5 f.). Here it probably ended as a ridgeway.

Total length, 4 m. 6 f.

road 68

Local Ridgeway in Dodderhill (immediately NE. of Droitwich)

In the W. part of Dodderhill parish are two farms called Old Ridge-Way Farm (OM6) and Ridgeway Farm (OM6), which are respectively N. and S. of Helpridge Farm (OM1). The road between them and for some distance S. of the latter is a purely local ridgeway on the Watershed between the Salwarpe River and Salty Brook.

In itself it has no more than a local significance; but it shows how very necessary the old inhabitants of this country found it to avoid streams as much as possible even in very short lines of communications.¹ This piece of ridgeway is only 7 f. long.

ROAD 69

The Droitwich Branch Ridgeway (4¹/₂ m. NE. of Droitwich)

A road called in the Stoke Prior charter B.204, K.118, *Scearp Weg*, 'Sharp Way,' the name of which survives in that of Sharpway Gate (OM1), runs along the S. By. of Stoke parish. The reason for the name is not apparent.

This road is really part of a branch ridgeway which joins the great Evesham-Dudley ridgeway at Hewell Park (OMI). It formed a connection between the great ridgeway and the Roman road running NNE. from Droitwich. It was no doubt used as a saltway.

Its itinerary, beginning at its W. end is as follows :

Runs NE. from Droitwich up the Roman road. Leaves the Roman road at Wychbold (OMI) and runs along the modern road ESE. across a low watershed to Causeway Farm (OM6), which is beside the railway

them. I have only cited those which are mentioned in the charters, or have on them some modern name showing their ridgeway character, or are remarkable examples of local ridgeways.

¹ In this account of the roads of the middle Severn region I have not cited more than few of the instances of local pieces of ridgeway. Anyone who searched the region minutely with the six-inch map would probably find very numerous instances of

3 f. SSW. of Stoke Works (OMI) (7 f.). The name of the farm suggests that the road in this part had to be raised, for, though it is passing along a watershed, the watershed is, as has been said, very low. Then E., mr., past Astwood Farm (OMI) to meet the S. By. of Stoke about $\frac{1}{4}$ m. beyond that farm (circ. 4 f.). Then the whole way along the S. By. of Stoke, mr., running generally E., past Hill Farm (OMI) and Piper's Hill (OMI) to the SE. corner of Stoke parish about $\frac{1}{4}$ m. SSE. of Vicarage Farm (OMI) (I m. 4 f.). It is this stretch of it which is called the Scearp Weg. Then ENE., fp., to meet a road running SE. from Stoke village (4 f.). Then ENE., mr., to Bank's Green (OMI) (I m. 3 f.). Then N. by E., fp. (6 f.), after which it probably continued in the same direction, no t., to join the great ridgeway at Tardebigge (4 f.).

Total length of road, 6 m.

ROAD 70

Road in Yardley (Immediately E. of Birmingham)

A road which ran apparently along the line of the road which runs from WNW. to ESE. past Ivydale (OMI) in Yardley parish is called *Dagarding Weg*, 'Way of the Family of Dagard (?),' in the Yardley survey attached to charter B.1282, K.570. As far as can be seen it was no more than a local track of the land unit of Yardley.

ROAD 71

Road in Yardley (Immediately E. of Birmingham)

A road, the line of which seems to have coincided with the line of the Birmingham-Stratford-on-Avon road, is called Leommanincg Weg, 'Way of the Leommanings,' in the Yardley survey attached to the charter B.1282, K.570.1

¹ The following is so speculative a conjecture that I consign it to a note. Is this name Leommanincg connected with the old name of the river Leam at Learnington, which was Leorna; and does the name really mean 'the Dwellers by the Lear'? It is noteworthy that the Stratford road for some distance beyond this point referred to in the Yardley survey is running in a line which, if produced, would practically pass through Learnington. Did this road owe its name to the fact that it led eventually to a region of dwellers by the Learn river ?

ROAD 72

Roman Road from Kentchester, near Hereford, to Worcester

The western part of the line of this road between Kentchester and Stretton Grandison survives largely in the form of modern roads. Kentchester was the Roman station Magna. The names Stretton Sugwas and Stretton Grandison are themselves indicative of the former existence of the road. For some miles W. of the latter its line does not survive in the form of a modern track; but it must have passed over the high ground just N. of Yarkhill; and it is far more probable than improbable that a local archaeologist who examined the ground would be able to trace it.¹

From there to Worcester no certain traces of it are to be found on the modern map. Its existence is assumed by Codrington.² Haverfield, in his map of Roman Britain,³ only marks the traces of it for a few miles E. of Kentchester. The Ordnance Survey map of Roman Britain marks the line of road from Kentchester to Stretton Grandison, and the road thence to Gloucester. The latter it assumes to have been continued N. from Stretton to join the Watling Street somewhere near Leintwardine, the supposed site of the Roman Bravonium. Of this extension there is no trace on the modern map; nor do any traces of it seem to have been reported.

So the position appears to be that we know of a Roman road from Kentchester to Stretton Grandison; and there seems to have been one from that place to Gloucester.

Anyone who knows the direct methods of Roman road makers would find it hard to believe that these two pieces of roadway were parts of a road constructed to provide communication between Magna and Glevum. Physical obstacles such as would have persuaded other

cultural or other operations. Our knowledge of the structure of Roman roads in England is very incomplete.

^a Roman Roads, p. 364.

^a Murray's Classical Handmaps.

¹ It would be of great advantage to archaeological investigation if, supposing the traces were apparent, a section of the road were taken at some point where its agger continues to exist in a form unimpaired by agri-

road makers to take a line of less resistance, did not divert the Roman from a straight line between two points, unless the obstacles were absolutely unnegociable; and the country on the direct line between Kentchester and Gloucester is infinitely more easy to traverse than some of the country traversed by other Roman roads in Britain. It may, indeed, be safely assumed that when the Romans made the line of the road from Kentchester to Stretton Grandison they were aiming at some place towards which that line points; and the place is obviously not Gloucester, but Worcester.

The road from Stretton Grandison to Gloucester was, so far as can be seen, a road made later than the road through to Worcester, to provide communication between Kentchester and Mid Wales, with the station at Gloucester.

For the course of the road from Stretton Grandison to Worcester, we must turn to the evidence of the Saxon charters. But first it must be pointed out that a road carried in a direct, or more or less direct, line between the two places would pass just S. of Castle Frome to Stony Cross (OMI), and then follow the general, not the particular, line of the Hereford-Worcester road through the gap in the N. extension of the Malvern Hills at Storridge, and then via Leigh Sinton to the ford over the Teme at Bransford, and so on to Worcester.

With regard to the part of the old road between Storridge and Worcester, the evidence of the Saxon charters is of considerable importance.

In the survey of the bounds of Powick, attached to the Pershore charter B.1282, K.570, there is reference to an *Eald Straet*, 'Old Made Road,' which ran along, or abutted on, that part of the Powick By. which runs parallel to the part of the Hereford-Worcester road which is NE. of Leigh Sinton (OMI). The By. is about I f. E. of the road.

After passing the Teme at Bransford the old road would certainly go on to Worcester along the general line of the present Hereford-Worcester road. In the *Cloptun* (St. John Bedwardine) charter K.649,

there is a reference to an *Eald Straet*, which seems to be on this line of road. In the Cotheridge charter B.1106, K.508, there is reference to a *straet*, which is undoubtedly on the line of the road. In a second survey, B.1107, of this charter the same road is called *Suth Straet*, the *suth* having reference to the Worcester-Cotheridge road which is called *straet* in the survey of B.1106.

ROAD 73

The Redmarley d'Abitot Ridgeway

To call this road the Redmarley d'Abitot ridgeway is to give it a name which may seem misleading, because it extended far beyond the bounds of the parish. But it is only in one of the charters of Redmarley, K.619, that it is mentioned in evidence of Saxon date. In the survey attached to that charter there is mention of a *Heah Straet*, 'High Street,'¹ which is the road which runs slightly W. of N. from the village. This is, as will be seen from the contours on the map, a ridgeway.

It might well be the case that, were it not for this reference in the Redmarley charter, the significance of this ancient highway would not attract the attention of a user of the modern map. Yet there can be little doubt that it was a not unimportant line of communication in former times. Its course N. from Redmarley is easily traceable until it enters the region

¹ The modern terms 'High Street,' 'highway': That these terms are derived from the Saxon term *Heah Straet* there cannot, I think, be serious doubt. The question is—how did the term 'high' come to be applied to a roadway? In the Worcestershire charters *Heah Street* is applied to this road and also to the Worcester end of the Worcester-Tewkesbury ridgeway. In the Wiltshire charters it is applied to a ridgeway in the S. of that county. It seems, therefore, to indicate a road, such as a ridgeway must necessarily be, which is on ground above the level of ground in its neighbourhood. It is further the

case that for countless centuries these ridgeways were the main, and for the greater part of the time the only, through roads or tracks in the country; and it is perhaps that characteristic of them which has led to the transfer of a name commonly, but not, of course, universally, applied to them to roads and streets which became in later days the main highways of regions or towns. (Cf. the old ridgeway from Penrith in Westmoreland to Ambleside which follows almost throughout the line of a pre-existing ridgeway, and is known as the High Street.)

of the parks of Eastnor and Ledbury and the large woodlands which abut on them. The formation of these parks has obscured the line of the old track by causing it to fall into disuse ; or, what is perhaps more probable, the original makers of these parks were influential enough to get it diverted to a line outside their enclosures. But, even so, it is evident that its line survives to a considerable extent in the form of existing trackways within their area, just as the line of the Tewkesbury-Worcester ridgeway survives in a continuous line through Croome Park (Road 15).

The southernmost point on the road, so far as it is traceable at the present day, is at Durbridge on the river Leadon (OMI) at the extreme SW. corner of Redmarley parish.¹

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From Durbridge it runs NE. along the comb of ridge to Redmarley village along a main road (1m. 6f.). Then NNW., mr., to about 100 yds. beyond the By. of the parish near Fairfield House (OM6), about 4 m. NNW. of Pfera Hall (OMI) (circ. 5 f.). Then slightly N. of W., no t., along a line of hedge (2 f.). Then generally NW. along a farm road through Lintridge (OMI) to the line of the mr. to Ledbury at a smithy about $\frac{1}{2}$ m. due E. of the crossroads in the village of Bromsberrow Heath (circ. 4 f.). Then in a general line NW. and NNW. along the Ledbury road to a point about I f. due W. of Dingwood Park Farm (OMI) (2 m. 3 f.). Then along farm road due E. to the above farm (1 f.). Then NNE., no t., to the SE. corner of Hospital Wood, the large wood just NE. of Parkway (OMI) (3f.). Then due N. by t. through the wood (3 f.). Then NNE., no t., to The Holts about 1 m. SW. of Eastnor village (2 f.).

The general line of its course from here northward is quite traceable along the watershed, but its details are hard to follow, owing probably to the fact that the

¹ That it was continued on the other side of the Leadon river is almost certainly the case. My impression is that it went along the watershed past Four Oaks to join near Upton Bishop, a well-marked ridgeway which runs up N. from the Forest of Dean.

making of the park at Ledbury diverted the traffic to some parallel route, and the old track fell into disuse.

It continues in a general NW. direction through a large wood SE. of Ledbury, its line being partly marked by a woodland track, until near the NE. corner of the wood, where it bends W. (7 f.). Then almost due W., all but to the E. edge of the town of Ledbury (circ. 3 f.). Then N. by E. through Frith Wood (OMI), its line being marked by a woodland track, right to the N. end of that wood (I m. 5 f.). Then in the same direction, t., till it comes to a point about 3 f. SE. of Coddington Court (1 m. 3 f.). It then runs NNW. along a line, of which parts are marked by fp. or t., passing Coddington Court (OMI) to about I f. E. of the road meeting at Stoneward Green (OMI), right up to Hill Farm (OMI) (2 m. 6 f.). Thence N. along minor road to the Hereford-Worcester road (4 f.). From here it must have run to somewhere near Ridgeway Farm (OMI) (6 f.).

A Branch.—From a point near the N. end of Frith Wood (OMI) a branch ridgeway led due E. first, along a track in the wood (4 f.) to the Little Malvern-Wellington Heath road, and then along the line of that road to join the Malvern Hills ridgeway (Road 60) above Little Malvern (2 m. I f.).

ROAD 74

There are two charters relating to lands in the modern parish of Hartlebury, near Kidderminster. K.653 deals with the NW. part of the modern parish. B.361, K.1316 deals with the district of *Waresleah*, the modern Waresley, in the S. part of the parish.

In the survey of B.361 there is a reference to the *Straet the sceot to Heortlabyrig*, 'the Made Road which runs to Hartlebury.' This is now represented by the road which runs from the hamlet of Waresley to the village of Hartlebury.

Later in the same survey there is reference to a *Portstraet*, 'Made Road to the Town (or Market),' which is the same road, but at a point more than a mile S. of the last.

In the charter K.653 there is reference to an *Ald* Straet, 'Old Made Road,' which is the road which runs W. from Hartlebury village through Charlton (OMI). This may be regarded as a continuation of the road in the S. of the parish referred to in the previous charter.

Why the name *straet* was applied to this line of road, i.e. why it should have been a made road, is uncertain.

It is a line of roadway which in a general sense is radiating from Droitwich; and further S. at Dunhampton (OMI) it connects with a saltway which runs from Droitwich through Doverdale.¹ It is possible that it was a saltway leading to a crossing of the Stour at Stourport.

ROAD 75

Road in Hartlebury

In the charter B.1241, K.560, which relates to a small area of land at Whitlinge (OM1) in the NE. of Hartlebury parish near Kidderminster, there is reference to a *straet*, 'Made Road.' The landmarks of the survey are not determinable with more than probability; but it is fairly certain that the reference is to the Droitwich-Kidderminster road at a point near Whitlinge. Mr. F. T. S. Houghton has shown that this road was a saltway.

ROAD 76

A Saltway in Pendock (6 m. W. of Tewkesbury)

In the Pendock charter the term *straet* is applied to that part of the road from Pendock to Tewkesbury, which lies immediately E. of the village. There is also mention of a *Sealt Leah*, which lay somewhat N. of this road. This makes it probable that this road was a saltway which had been partially made in Roman times. At Tewkesbury it would link up with the great saltway (Road 15), coming to Tewkesbury from Worcester.

¹ F. T. S. Houghton.

ROAD 77

The ordnance map attaches the name salt way to the road running NNE. from Redmarley d'Abitot, **81** m. WSW. of Tewkesbury, towards Worcester. It is pretty certain that it followed the line of the modern road through Welland as far as Blackmore Park (OMI), and later coincided with the line of the road from Upton-on-Severn to Worcester through Powick.

ROAD-INDEX FOR MAPS

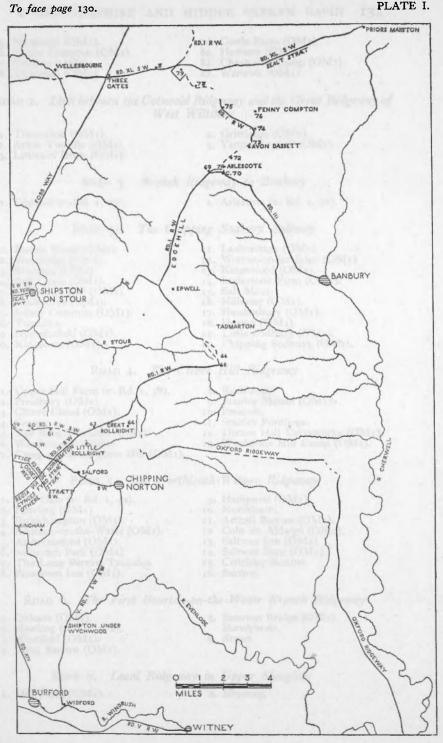
The numbers refer to numbers attached to the roads in the maps. (OM1) indicates the name is on the 1-in. Ordnance.

ROAD I. The Great Cotswold Ridgeway

1.	Lansdown (OM1).
2.	Tog Hill (OM1).
3.	Charmy Down.
4.	Sealther Poth.
5.	Tumulus.
6.	Camp.
7.	Camp.
8.	Camp.
9.	Camp.
10.	Hawkesbury Upton (OM1).
11.	Starveall.
12.	Tumulus.
13.	Entrenchment.
14.	Tumulus.
15.	Calcot Farm.
1Ğ.	Chavenage Green.
17.	Cherrington Park.
18.	Lowsmoor Farm.
19.	Sapperton Park.
20.	Tumuli.
21.	Tumuli and Standing Stones.
22.	Tumulus.
23.	Tumulus.
24.	Salterns Hill Barn.
25.	Highgate.
26.	Cowley Wood.
27.	Stockwell.
28.	Tumuli.
29.	Salterley.
30.	Hartley Farm (OM1).
31.	Portstraet.
32.	Kilkenny (OM1).
33.	Sandiwell Park (OM1).
34.	Whalley Farm (OM1).
35.	Camp (OM1).
36.	Camp (OM1).
37.	(OM1).

38. Upper Hill (OM1). 39. Wontley Farm (OM1). 40. Belas Knap (tumulus). 41. Camp. 42. Roel Gate (OM1).
 43. Sudeley Hill (OM1).
 44. Salter's Hill (OM1). 45. Lyne's Barn (OM1).
46. Camp.
47. Stumps Cross.
48. Snowshill. 49. Lodge of Middle Hill. 50. Broadway Hill. 51. Five Mile Drive (OM1). 52. Bourton-on-the-Hill. 53. Batsford Park. 54. Dorn. 55. Moreton-on-the-Marsh. 56. Todenham. 57. Four Shires Stone. 58. Sealt Straet. 59. Kitebrook Farm (OM1). 60. Salter's Well Farm (OM1). 61. Neakings (OM1). 62. Stow-on-the-Wold 63. Rollright Stones (OM1). Great Rollright.
 Wigginton Heath (OM1).
 Camp. 67. Edgehill.
68. Epwell.
69. Knowle End (OM1). 70. Radbury Camp (OM1). 71. Arlescote (OM1). 72. Splashleys Farm (OM1).

- 73. Avon Dassett.
- 74. Fenny Compton Hill (OM1).



- 75. Northend (OM1).
- 76. Fenny Compton (OM1).

77. Gaydon (OM1). 78. Thornhill (OM1).

79. Castle Farm (OM1). 80. Harbury (OM1).

- 81. Chesterton Camp (OM1).82. Warwick (OM1).

ROAD 2. Link between the Cotswold Ridgeway and the Great Ridgeway of West Wiltshire

- 1. Tormarton (OM1).
- 2. Acton Turville (OM1).
- 3. Littleton Drew (OM1).
- 4. Grittleton (OM1).
- 5. Yatton Keynell (OM1)

ROAD 3. Branch Ridgeway to Banbury

1. Edgehill (v. Rd. 1, 67).

2. Arlescote (v. Rd. 1, 71).

Lasborough (OM1).
 Wotton-under-Edge (OM1).

ROAD 3A. The Chipping Sodbury Saltway

- Buckle Wood (OM1).
 Wateredge (OM1).
 Bunnage (OM1).

- 4. Bull Cross (OM1).
- 5. Wickridge Hill (OM1).
- 6. Dudbridge (OM1).
- 7. Selsey Common (OM1).
 8. Tumulus.
- 9. Nymphsfield (OM1).
- 10. Kingscote (OM1).

ROAD 4. The Cleeve Hill Ridgeway

- 1. Upper Hill Farm (v. Rd. 1, 38).
- 2. Prestbury (OM1).
- 3. Cleeve Cloud (OM1).
- Camp.
 The Ring Tumulus (OM1).
 Winchcombe (OM1).
- 7. Camp on Nottingham Hill (OM1).
- 9. Stanley Mount (OM1).
 - 10. Prescott.

 - 13. Woolstone Hill Camp (OM1).

ROAD 5. The Northleach-Witney Ridgeway

- 1. Roel Gate (v. Rd. 1, 42).
- 2. Hawling (OM1)
- 3. Brockhampton (OM1).
- 4. Bourton-on-the-Water (OM1).
- 5. Andoversford (OM1).
 6. Salperton Park (OM1).
- 7. The Long Barrow Tumulus. 8. Passdown Inn (OM1).
- - ROAD 6. The First Bourton-on-the-Water Branch Ridgeway
- 1. Oxlease (OM1).
- 2. Hawling (v. Rd. 5, 2).
- 3. Westfield (OM1).
- 4. Long Barrow (OM1).

- 5. Bourton Bridge (OM1)
- Buruhforda.
- 6. Straet.
- ROAD 7. Local Ridgeway in Upper Slaughter 1. Hill Farm (OM1). 2. Hrycweg.

- - - 9. Hampnett (OM1).
 - 10. Northleach. 11. Asthall Barrow (OM1).
 - 12. Coln St. Aldwyn (OM1).
 - 13. Saltway Inn (OM1).
 - 14. Saltway Barn (OM1).

15. Critchley Barrow. 16. Barrow.

- Stanley Pontlarge.
 Dixton Hill Earthworks (OM1).
- 8. Rushbarn.

- 14. Inglestone Farm (OM1). 15. Salt Moor. 16. Hillesley (OM1).

13. Kingswood (OM1).

- 19. Little Sodbury (OM1).

- - 17. Hawkesbury (OM1). 18. Horton (OM1).

 - 20. Chipping Sodbury (OM1).

ROAD 8. The so-called Ryknield Street

- 1. Lower Slaughter (OM1). 2. Upper Slaughter (OM1). 3. Lower Swell (OM1). 4. Kirkham (OM1).
- 5. Condicote (OM1). 6. Grene Weg.

- 7. Springhill House (OM1). 8. Snowshill (v. Rd. 1, 48).
- 9. Chipping Campden (OM1).
- 10. Eald Dic.
- 11. Broadway (OM1).
- 12. Eald Dic aet Nannes Mannes Lande.
- 13. Buggilde Stret.

- Bugginte Siret.
 Willersey.
 Saintbury (OM1).
 Burhwall Camp.
- 17. Straet. 18. Weston-sub-Edge (OM1).
- 19. Bickmarsh Lodge.
- 20. Bugghilde Straet.
- 21. Honeybourne station.
- 22. Buggildstret. 23. Buggildestret. 24. Pebworth (OM1). North Littleton (OM1).
 Buggan Stret. 27. Brad Stret. 28. Church Honeybourne (OM1). 29. Staniht Forda. 30. Bidford (OM1). 31. Broom (OM1). Studley (OM I).
 Ipsley Court (OM I).
 King's Norton (OM I). 35. Red Hill (OM1). 36. Straet Mere. 37. Stirchley Street.38. Selly Oak.
- 39. Sandpits.
- 40. Worston Lane.
- 41. Moseley.

ROAD 9. A Link Road from Stow-on-the-Wold

- 1. Adlestrop (OM1).
- 2. Little Rollright (OM1).
- 3. Maugersbury (OM1).
- 4. Daylesford (OM1).

- Cynges Fyrd Straet.
 Othere Straet.
- 7. Regia Via de Norhamtun.
- ROAD 10. The Great Barrington Ridgeway
- 1. Wyck Rissington (OM1).
- 2. Great Barrington (OM1).

The Fosse Way ROAD II.

- 1. Maugersbury (OM1) (v Rd. 9, 3).
- 2. Foss.
- 3. Broadwell (OM1).
- Donnington (OM1).
- 5. Heah Straet.

ROAD 12.

- I. Stow-on-the-Wold (OMI).
- 2. Sealt Straet.
- 3. Broadwell (OM1) (v. Rd. 11, 3).
- 4. Salt Streat.
- 5. Donnington (OM1) (v. Rd. 11, 4). 6. Broadway Hill (OM1) (v. Rd. 1, 50).
- 7. Five Mile Drive (OM1) (v. Rd. 1,
- 51). 8. Sealt Straet.
- 9. Broadway (OM1) (v. Rd. 8, 11). 10. Weig.
- 11. Stanway Ash Plantation (OM1).
- 12. Buckland (OM1).
- 13. Laverton (OM1).
- 14. Little Buckland (OM1).

- 6. Foss.
- 7. Blackwell (OM1).
- 8. Tredington (OM1).
- 9. Fos.
- The Stow-on-the-Wold-Evesham-Dudley Ridgeway
 - 15. Aston Somerville (OM1).
 - 16. Blake's Hill (OM1).
 - 17. Hinton-on-the-Green (OM1).
 - 18. Child's Wickham (OM1).
 - 19. Bengeworth (OM1)

 - 20. Wickhamford (OM1). 21. Bunker's Hill Farm (OM1).
 - 22. Longdon Hill (OM1).

 - 23. Hricweg.
 24. Twyford House.
 25. Handgate Farm (OM1).
 - 26. Atch Lench (OM1).

 - Rough Hill (OM1).
 Weethley Wood (OM1).
 - 29. Straet.

- 3. Little Barrington (OM1).

- 30. Inkberrow (OM1). 31. Headless Cross (OM1). 32. Pitcher Oak Wood (OM1). 33. Redditch (OM1).
- 34. Hewell Park (OM1).
- 35. Vigo (OM1). 36. Wheely Farm.
- Barnt Green (OM1).
 Lickey church (OM1).
 Beacon Hill (OM1).
- 40. Holy Well (OM1).
- 41. Waseley Hill (OM1).
- Frankley Hill.
 Frankley Upper Beeches (OM1).
- 44. Woodgate (OM1). 45. Moor Street (OM1).

- 46. Quinton (OM1). 47. Olive Hill Farm (OM1).
- 48. Blackheath (OM1).

- 49. Rowley Regis (OM1).50. Tippity Green (OM1).51. Wheatsheaf Inn.
 - 52. Oakham (OM1).
 - 53. Dudley (OM1).
 - 53. Duttey (OM1).
 54. Wolverhampton (OM1).
 55. Tettenhall (OM1).
 56. Perton (OM1).

 - 57. Cranmoor Lodge. 58. Bradshaw's Farm.
 - 59. Kingswood Bank Farm.

 - 60. Wood Hall.61. Boscobel House.
 - 62. Bishop's Wood.
 - 63. Weston Park Farm.
 - 64. Weston-under-Lizaed.
 65. Weston Heath.
 66. Hilton Farm.

 - 67. Heath Hill.

ROAD 13. The Second Bourton Branch Ridgeway

- I. Bourton-on-the-Water (OMI) (v. Rd. 5, 4). 2. Broadway (OM1) (v. Rd. 8, 11). 3. Snowshill (OM1) (v. Rd. 1, 48).

- 4. Upper Slatepits (OM1).
- 5. Cutsdean (OM1). 6. Laferca Beorh.

- Guiting Grange (OM1).
 Kineton (OM1).
- 9. Tumuli.
- 10. Summerhill (OM1).

- Guiting Power (OM1).
 Salters' Pool.
 Wagborough Bush Tumulus.

ROAD 14. The Stow-on-the-Wold-Burford Ridgeway

- 1. Stow-on-the-Wold (OM1) (v. Rd. 12, 1).
- 2. Stow railway station.
- 4. Church Iccomb (OM1).
- 5. Wyckhill House. 6. Sealterwyl, Saltuuell, Sealter Will.

3. Camp.

ROAD 15. The Worcester-Tewkesbury-Cheltenham Ridgeway

- 1. Swineshard (OM1).
- 2. Heah Straet.
- Whittington (OM1).
 Ersfield (OM1).
- 5. Wood Hall (OM1).

- Norton (OM1).
 Hatfield (OM1).
 Stonehall (OM1).
 Hermitage Farm (OM1).
 Pirton church (OM1).
- 11. Croome Court (OM1).
- Hill Croome church (OM1).
 Lower Strensham (OM1).
- 14. Hill End (OM1).

- 26. Camp (OM1).

ROAD 16. The Conjectured Roman Road from Worcester to Gloucester

- 1. Stratford (OMI).
- Ripple (OM1).
 The Old Park (OM1).
- 4. Kerswell Green (OM1).
- 5. Napleton (OM1). 6. Brook End (OM1).
- 27. Puckham Farm.

- Twining (OM1).
 Shuthanger (OM1).

- 17. Tewkesbury (OM1). 18. Salters' Hill (OM1). 19. Walton Hill (OM1).
- 20. Stoke Orchard (OM1).
- 21. Boddington (OM1).
- Budgeway Farm (OM1).
 Elmstone Hardwick (OM1).
 Swindon (OM1).

 - 25. Cheltenham (OM1).

ROAD 17. The Bredon-Tewkesbury Ridgeway

- I. Bredon Hill (OMI).
- 2. Elmley Castle (OM1).
- 3. Fladbury (OM1).
- 4. Pershore (OM1).
- 5. Castle Hill (Elmley). 6. Hrycweg.
- 7. Overbury (OM1).

- 8. Banbury Camp (OM1). Baenintes Burh.
- 9. Kemerton (OM1).
- 10. Kinsham (OM1).
- 11. Carrant Hill.
- 12. Breden's Hardwick (OM1).
- 13. Milton Lodge (OM1)
- 14. Hardwick Bank (OM1).

ROAD 18. Local Road in Elmley Castle

- I. Elmlev Castle (OMI) (v. Rd. 17, 2.)
- 2. Woh Weg.

- 3. Netherton (OM1).
- 4. Bredon Hill (OM1) (v. Rd. 17, 1).

ROAD 19. Local Ridgeway in Hampton by Evesham

- 1. Great Hampton (OM1).
- 2. Little Hampton (OMI).

ROAD 22. Branch Saltway to Evesham

1. Wyre Piddle (OM1).

1. Abberton (OM1).

2. Saltway Piece.

10. Saltway.

11. Saltway Barn.

2. Fladbury Cross (OM1).

3. Flyford Flavell (OM1).

8. Springhill Farm (OM1).

4. Bishampton (OM1). Throckmorton (OM1).
 Moor (OM1).
 Hill (OM1).

- 3. Twyford House (OM1) (v. Rd. 12, 24).
- 4. Sealt Straet.

3. Hrycgweg.

9. Stoulton (OM1). 10. Abbot's Wood (OM1),

11. Littleworth (OMI).

ROAD 24. The Defford-Wadborough Ridgeway

- 1. Defford (OM1).
- 2. Wadborough (OM1).
- Besford (OM1).
 Besford Court (OM1).
- 5. New Farm (OM1).
- 6. Pershore (OM1) (v. Rd. 17, 4).

12. Netherton (OM1) (v. Rd. 18, 3).

13. Elmley Castle (OM1) (v. Rd. 17, 2).

ROAD 25. Local Track in Honeybourne

- 1. Honeybourne (OM1) (v. Rd. 8, 28).
- 2. Pebworth (OM1) (v. Rd. 8, 24).

ROAD 26. A Road in Evenlode, Adlestrop, and Daylesford

- 1. Evenlode (OM1).
- 2. Adlestrop (OM1) (v. Rd. 9, 1).
- 3. Daylesford (OM1) (v. Rd. 9, 4). 4. Four Shire Stone (OM1) (v. Rd. 1,
- 57). 5. Eald Weg.

3. Churchestige.

- 6. Chastleton (OM1).
- 7. Stige.
- 8. Lodreswei.
- 9. Straet.
- 10. Kingham (OM1).

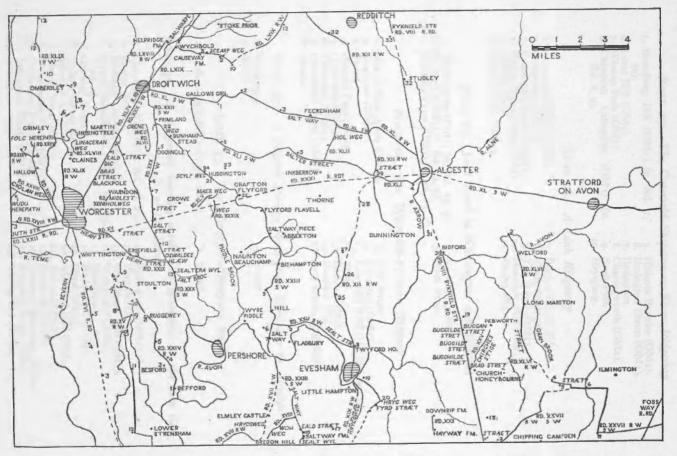
- ROAD 23. The Southern Saltway 14. Smoky Farm (OM1).
 - 15. Furze Hill (OM1).
 - 16. Eald Straet.

 - Saltwyll.
 Ashton-under-Hill (OM1).
 Droitwich (OM1).
 - 20. Primland (OM1).
 - 21. Huddington (OM1).
 - 22. Weg.

9. Fladbury (OM1) (v. Rd. 17. 3). 23. Scylfweg.

- 24. Shaftland Cross.
- 25. Grafton Flyford (OM1).
- 26. Flyford Flavel (OM1).

Ruggewey. Wadborough Park Farm.



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PLATE II.

R.RI. = ROMAN ROAD

AD R.W. = RIDGEWAY

AY S.W. = SALT WAY

 $W_{.} = WEG = TRACK$

ROAD 27. The Cotswold-Shipston-on-Stour Ridgeway

I. Broadway Hill (OMI) (v. Rd. I. 50).

- 2. Long Hill (OM1).
- 3. Weston Park (OM1).
- 4. Chipping Campden (OM1) (v. Rd. 8, 9).
 - ROAD 28. A Link Ridgeway
- 1. Ankerdine Hills (OM1).
- Cotheridge (OM1).
 Crowneast Court (OM1).
- 4. Upper Broadheath (OM1).
- 5. Aetting Weg. 6. Wants Green (OM1).

- Berrow Green (OM1).
 Wudu Herepath.
- 9. The Knoll (OMI)
- 10. Henwick Mill (OM1).
- 11. Ciolan Weg.

ROAD 29. Link Road in Whittington and Stoulton

- 1. Whittington (OM1) (v. Rd. 15, 3).
- Stoulton (OM1) (v. Rd. 24, 9).
 Ersefield Farm (OM1) (v. Rd. 15, 4).

- 1. Martin Husingtree (OM1). 2. Bredicote (OMI). 3. Straet. Hindlip Park (OM1).
 Oddingley (OM1).
 Tibberton (OM1).
- 7. Ravenshill Farm (OM1). 8. Straet.

ROAD 31. A Possible Roman Road from Worcester to Alcester

1. Haehstraet.

2. Straet.

ROAD 33. The Worcester-Bromyard Road

1. Cotheridge (OM1) (v. Rd. 28, 2). 2. Straet.

ROAD 34. A Ridgeway running north from Worcester on the west side of the Severn

1. Cotheridge (OM1) (v. Rd. 28, 2).

- 2. Comer Road.
- 3. Henwick Grove (OM1).
- 4. Upper Broadheath (OM1) (v. Rd. 28, 4). 5. Grimley (OM1). 6. Hallow Heath (OM1).

- Moseley (OM1).
 Monks Wood (OM1).
- 9. Woodhouse Farm (OM1). 10. Cockshoot Farm (OM1).
- 11. Ocheridge Waste (OM1).
- 12. Sylweg.

13. Park Farm (OM1).

- 14. Wall Farm.
- 15. Woodbury Hill (OM1).
 16. Woodbury Camp.

- Easthope.
 Rodge Hill (OM1).
 Great Witley.
- 20. Abberley Hall (OM1). 21. Abberley Park.
- Abberley (OM1).
 Clobury Mortimer (OM1).
- 24. Fartown Farm (OM1).
- 25. Clows Top (OM1).

- 4. Low Hill (OM1). 5. Heah Straet.

- 5. Hidcote Bartrim (OM1). 6. Ilmington Down (OM1).
- 7. Ilmington.
 8. Charingworth (OM1).
- 9. Sealt Pytt.
- 10. Hrycgweg.

- 9. Salt Straet.

 - 12. Straet.
 - 13. Egdon (OM1).
 - 14. Sealtera Wyl.
 - 15. Saw Brook, Salt Broc.

3. Straet.

- ROAD 30. The Droitwich-Pershore Saltway
- - 10. Sneachill (OM1).
 - 11. Low Hill (OM1) (v. Rd. 29, 4).

ROAD 35. Part of the Worcester-Great Witley Road

1. Great Witley (OM1) (v. Rd. 34, 19). 3. Grimley (OM1) (v. Rd. 34, 5). 2. Hallow (OM1). 4. Folc Herepath.

ROAD 36. Minor Road in Warndon

1. Warndon (OM1).

3. Midlest Hol Weg.

2. Eald Weg.

2. Woodgreen.

ROAD 37. Local Way in Naunton Beauchamp

1. Naunton Beauchamp.

Track in Grafton Flyford ROAD 39.

1. Grafton Flyford (OM1).

ROAD 40. The Great Eastern Saltway

- Mere Green (OM1).
 The Vernon Arms (OM1).
- 3. Bradley Green (OM1).
- 4. Feckenham (OM1).
- 5. Shurnock (OM1). 6. Huncote (OM1).

- 7. Wellesbourne (OM1) 8. Three Gates (OM1).
- 9. Heath Farm (OM1). 10. Prior's Marston (OM1).

5. Brandon Brook (OM1).

- 11. Sealt Straet.

ROAD 41. A minor Saltway from Droitwich to Alcester

- 1. Inkberrow (OM1).
- 2. Salt Street.
- 3. Stock Wood (OM1).
- 4. Arrow (OM1).

ROAD 42. Local Road in Feckenham

1. Shurnock (OM1) (v. Rd. 40, 5).

ROAD 43. Track in Oddingley

1. Newland Hurst (OM1).

2. Dunhampstead (OM1).

ROAD 44. The Roman Road from Droitwich to Worcester

- 1. Hindlip Park (OM1) (v. Rd. 30, 4).
- 2. North Claines (OM1).

3. Brad Straet. 4. Spellis Green.

ROAD 45. Track in Crowle

1. Bow Wood (OM1).

ROAD 46. The Mickleton-Binton Ridgeway

- 1. Long Marston (OM1).
- 2. Binton Bridges (OM1)
- 3. Hidcote Bartrim (OM1) (v. Rd. 27, 5).
- 4. Kingsgate Court (OM1).
- 5. Straet. 6. Gran Brook (OM1). 7. Straet. 8. Welford (OM1).

2. Holberrow Green (OM1).

Shell (OM1).
 Goosehill Green (OM1).
 Gallows Green (OM1).

ROAD 47. Track in Oddingley

1. Smite Hill (OM1).

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1. Omberslev. 16. Elmley Lovett. 17. Shenstone (OM1). 18. Winterfold (OM1). 2. Oak Farm. 3. Clanies. 4. Sandiht Straet. 19. Newhouse Farm (OM1). 20. Tanwood House (OM1). 5. Hawford Mill (OM1). 6. Barnhall Farm (OM1). 21. Bluntington (OM1). 7. Hadley House (OM1).
 8. Knight's Grove. 22. Barrow Hill (OM1). 23. Broom Hill. 9. Gardner's Grove. 10. Uphampton. Hurst Farm.
 Fairfield Court (OM1).
 Fairfield (OM1). 11. Battenton Cross. 12. Lineholt (OM1). 13. Bishop's Wood (OM1). 27. The Gutter (OM1). 28. Bankhouse Farm (OM1). 14. Waresley. 15. Bassage Farm (OM1). 29. Chapman's Hill (OM1). 30. Dayhouse Bank. ROAD 49. Ridgeway running north from Worcester up the east bank of

1. Linacres Farm.

ROAD 50. Local Road in Whittington

the Severn

1. Whittington

2. Wood Hall (OM1).

3. Eald Weg.

ROAD 51. Road in Wolverley

1. Wolverley. 2. Shatterford (OM1).

ROAD 52. Road in Wolverley

1. Wolverley (v. Rd. 51, 1).

2. Caunsall (OM1).

ROAD 53. Road in Wolverley

1. Wolverley (v. Rd. 51, 1).

ROAD 54. The Acton Beauchamp Saltway

1. Acton Beauchamp. 2. Acton Green (OMI). 3. Ridgeway Farm (OM1).

ROAD 55. The Tenbury-Bromyard Ridgeway

1. Upper Rochford (OM1). 2. Broad Heath (OMI).

3. Lea Green (OM1).

4. Wolferlow (OM1). 5. High Lane (OM1). 6. Tedstone Wafer (OM1).

ROAD 56. The Tenbury-Hereford Ridgeway

1. Tenbury. 2. Old Wood (OM1). 3. Cinders (OM1). 4. Birchley Farm (OM1). 5. Kyre Green Farm (OM1). 6. The Birches (OM1).

- 7. Grendon Green (OM1).
 8. Bredenbury (OM1).
- 9. Stoke Lacy (OM1).

ROAD 57. Ridgeway from Bromyard to the Malvern (Road 60) and Ankerdine Ridgeway

- 1. Brockhampton Park (OM1).
- 2. Bringsty Common (OM1).

3. Sapey Bridge.

- Huntlands (OM1).
 Knightsford Bridge (OM1).
- 6. Linley Green.
- 7. Ferny Bank (OM1). 8. Peacroft Farm.
- 9. Suckley Green (OM1).

ROAD 58. An Acton Beauchamp Ridgeway

1. Acton Green (OM1) (v. Rd. 54, 2). 2. Linley Green (v. Rd. 57, 6).

ROAD 59. The Redmarlet d'Abitot Saltway

- 1. Glynch Brook (OM1).
- 2. Bury Mill.
- 3. Bromsberrow Place (OM1).
- 4. Storridge (OM1).
- 5. Leigh Sinton (OM1). 6. Bransford (OM1).

ROAD 60. The Ankerdine Hills Ridgeway, and possible ridgeway over the Malvern Hills

- 1. Knightsford Bridge (OM1) (v. Rd. 57, 5). 2. Doddenham (OM1).
- 3. Ankerdine Hill (OM1).
- 4. Berrow Hill.

- 9. Shelsley Beauchamp (OM1). 10. Woodbury Hill (OM1).

- Suckley Hills
 Crew's Hill (OM1).
 Tundridge Mill (OM1).
- 14. Leigh Brook (OM1).
- 15. Longley Green (OM1).
- 16. Halesend Wood (OM1).
- 17. Storridge (OM1) (v. Rd. 59, 4).

- 18. Whitman's Hill Coppice (OM1).
- 19. Croft Farm. 23. West Malvern (OM1).
- 21. Green Valley.
- 22. Worcestershire Beacon (OM1).
- 23. Upper Wyche (OM1). 24. Malvern Wells (OM1).
- 25. Shire Ditch.
- 26. Hereford Beacon (OM1).
- 27. Eastnor Park (OM1).
 28. Ragged Stone Hill (OM1).
- 29. Chase End Hill (OM1).
- 30. Bromberrow Place (OM1).31. Glynch Brook (OM1) (v. Rd. 59, 1).
- 32. Great Lintridge (OM1). 33. Durbridge Mill (OM1).
- 34. Leadon river (OM1).

ROAD 61. A Local Way in Grimley

1. Grimley. 2. Sinton Green (OM1).

ROAD 62. A piece of Roman Road (?) on the Witley Boundary

1. Little Witley.

2. Westwood Park (OM1).

ROAD 63. The Bewdley Ridgeway

- 1. Clows Top (OM1).
- 2. Mamble (OM1).

3. Gybhouse Farm (OM1).

ROAD 64. Rock Ridgeway

- 1. Clows Top (OM1) (v. Rd. 63, 1).
- 2. Rock Moor (OM1).
- 3. Rock (OM1).

- 4. Castle Farm (OM1).
- 5. Palmer's Farm (OM1).
- 6. Joan's Hole (OM1).

3. Monk Wood.

4. Holt (OM1).

- Berrow Green (OM1).
 Kingswood Common (OM1).
 Hillend Farm (OM1).
 Rodge Hill (OM1).

ROAD 65. The Bewdley-Bridgnorth Ridgeway

- 1. Wribbenhall (OM1).
- 2. Crundall's Farm (OM1).
- 3. Hall's Farm (OM1).
- 4. Trimpley (OM1). 5. Shatterford (OM1).

- 6. Micel Straet.
- 7. Tuckhill (OM1). 8. Upper Farmcote (OM1).
- 9. Quatford Castle.
- 10. Bridgnorth (OM1).

ROAD 66. The Clent Hills Ridgeway

- 1. Gannow Farm.

- Dayhouse Farm (OM1).
 Romsley (OM1).
 Whitehall Farm (OM1).
 Walton Hill (OM1).
 Offmoor Common.

- 7. Hagley Park (OM1). 8. Hagley Hill Farm (OM1).

- 9. Wychbury Camp (OM1).
- 10. Pedmore (OM1).
- 11. Norton Covert (OM1).
- 12. Straet.
- Ridgehill Wood (OM1).
 Wallheath.
 Sedgley.

ROAD 67. The Heightington (Rock) Ridgeway

- 1. Horton's Pound.
- 2. Fieldhouse Farm (OM1).
- 3. Bransley Farm (OM1).
- 4. Gorst Hill (OM1).
- 5. Heightington (OM1). 6. Dunley (OM1).

ROAD 68. Local Ridgeway in Dodderhill

1. Dodderhill (OM1).

2. Old Ridgeway.

3. Ridgeway Farm. 4. Salty Brook.

- ROAD 69. The Droitwich Branch Ridgeway
- 1. Stoke Prior.
- 2. Sharpway Gate (OM1).
- 3. Scearp Weg. 4. Hewell Park (OM1).
- 5. Wychbold (OM1). 6. Causeway Farm.
- 7. Stoke Works (OM1).
- I. Ivydale (OMI).
 - 2. Yardley.

ROAD 71. Road in Yardley

I. Leommanincg Weg.

ROAD 72. Roman Road from Kentchester, near Hereford, to Worcester

1. Kentchester.

- 2. Stretton Grandison (OM1).
- 3. Stretton Sugwas (OM1).

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 Yarkhill (OM1).
 Leintwardine (OM1).
 Castle Frome (OM1).
 Stony Cross (OM1).
 Storridge (OM1) (v. Rd. 60, 17).
- 9. Leigh Sinton (OM1).
- 10. Bransford (OM1).
- 11. Powick (OM1).
- 12. Eald Straet.
- 13. Eald Straet.
- 14. Straet. 15. Suth Straet.

- 8. Astwood Farm (OM1).
- 9. Hill Farm (OM1). 10. Piper's Hill (OM1).
- 11. Vicarage Farm (OM1).
- 12. Bank's Green (OM1).
- 13. Tardebigge (OM1).

ROAD 70. Road in Yardley

3. Dagarding Weg.

ROAD 73. The Redmarley d'Abitot Ridgeway

- 1. Redmarley d'Abitot (OM1).
- 2. Heah Straet.
- 3. Eastnor (OM1).
- 4. Ledbury.
- 5. Durbridge (OM1) (v. Rd. 60, 33). 6. River Leadon (v. Rd. 60, 34).
- 7. Fairfield House. 8. Pfera Hall (OM1).
- 9. Lintridge (OM1) (v. Rd. 60, 32).
- 10. Bromsberrow Heath (OM1).
- 11. Dingwood Park Farm (OM1).

- 12. Hospital Wood.
- 13. Parkway (OM1).
- 14. The Holts.
- 15. Eastnor (v. 3 of this road). 16. Frith Wood (OM1).
- 17. Coddington Court.
- 18. Stoneward Green (OM1).
- 19. Hill Farm (OM1)
- 20. Ridgeway Farm (OM1).
- 21. Wellington Heath.

ROAD 74. Roads in Hartlebury

- 1. Waresley (OM1).
- 2. Straet the sceot to Heortlabyrig.
- 3. Portstraet.
- 4. Ald Straet.

- 5. Charlton (OM1).
- 6. Dunhampton (ÓM1).
- 7. Doverdale (OM1).

ROAD 75. Road in Hartlebury

1. Whitlinge (OM1).

2. Straet.

LIST OF ROADS

- 1. Great Cotswold Ridgeway.
- 2. Link between Cotswold Ridgeway and the great ridgeway of West Wiltshire.
- Branch Ridgeway to Banbury.
 Chipping Sodbury Saltway.
 Cleeve Hill Ridgeway.

- 5. Northleach-Witney Ridgeway.
- 6. First Bourton-on-the-Water Ridgeway.
- 7. Local Ridgeway in Upper Slaughter.
- 8. Ryknield Street.
- 9. Link Road from Stow-on-the-Wold.
- 10. Great Barrington Ridgeway.
- 11. Foss Way.
- 12. Stow on the Wold Evesham -Dudley Ridgeway.
- 13. Second Bourton on the Water Ridgeway.
- 14. Stow-on-the-Wold-Burford Ridgeway.
- 15. Worcester Tewkesbury Cheltenham Ridgeway.
- 16. Roman Road from Worcester to Gloucester.
- 17. Bredon-Tewkesbury Ridgeway.
- 18. Local Road in Elmley Castle.
- 19. Local Ridgeway in Hampton.
- 20. Unidentified road near Evesham.
- 21. Local road, probably in Broadway.
- 22. Eranch Saltway to Evesham.

- 23. Southern Saltway.
- 24. Defford-Wadborough Ridgeway.
- 25. Local Track in Honeybourne.
- 26. Road in Evenlode, Adlestrop, and Daylesford.
- 27. Cotswold Shipston on Stour Ridgeway.
- 28. A link ridgeway.
- 29. Link Road in Whittington and Stoulton.
- 30. Droitwich-Pershore Saltway.
- 31. Roman Road from Worcester to Alcester.
- 32. (Omitted.)
- 33. Worcester-Bromyard Road.
- 34. Ridgeway north from Worcester on west side of Severn.
- 35. Worcester-Great Witley Road.
- 36. Minor road in Warndon.
- 37. Local Way in Naunton Beauchamp.
- 38. Worcester Stratford on Avon Road.
- 39. Track in Grafton Flyford.
- 40. Great Eastern Saltway.
- 41. Minor Saltway from Droitwich to Alcester.
- 42. Local road in Feckenham.43. Track in Oddingley.
- 44. Roman Road from Droitwich to Worcester.
- 45. Track in Crowle.46. Mickleton-Binton Ridgeway.
- 47. Track in Oddingley.

- 48. Track in North Claines.
- 49. Ridgeway north from Worcester on east bank of the Severn.
- 50. Local road in Whittington.

- Local road in Whittington.
 Road in Wolverley.
 Road in Wolverley.
 Road in Wolverley.
 Acton Beauchamp Saltway.
 Tenbury-Bromyard Ridgeway.
 Tenbury-Hereford Ridgeway.
- 57. Ridgeway from Bromyard to the Malvern and Ankerdine Ridgeway. 58. Acton Beauchamp Ridgeway.
- 59. Redmarley d'Abitot Saltway.
- 60. Malvern-Ankerdine Ridgeway.
- 61. Local Way in Grimley.

- 62. Piece of Roman Road on the Witley Boundary.
- 63. Bewdley Ridgeway.

- Bewaley-Bridgeway.
 Bewaley-Bridgenorth Ridgeway.
 Clent Hills Ridgeway.
 Heightington (Rock) Ridgeway.
- Ridgeway in Dodderhill.
 Droitwich Ridgeway.

- 70. Road in Yardley.
 71. Road in Yardley.
 72. Roman Road from Kentchester to Worcester. 73. Redmarley d'Abitot Ridgeway.

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- 74. Roads in Hartlebury.
- 75. Road in Hartlebury.