

In the other periods, when the Tax was managed by Farmers or Commissioners, i.e. Michaelmas 1666 to Lady Day 1669 and Michaelmas 1674 to Lady Day 1689, the Assessments were audited at a central Hearth Office, whose records have not survived.

(3) WHAT ASSESSMENTS SURVIVE IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE.

(a) The piece numbers.

All the Hearth Tax Assessments which survive in the Public Record Office must fall within the two periods Michaelmas 1662 to Lady Day 1666 and Michaelmas 1669 to Lady Day 1674, when the Assessments were returnable at the Exchequer to be audited by the Exchequer auditors.

The Assessments will be found in a class of tax records whose call number is E 179 and whose official title is "Exchequer: King's Remembrancer: Subsidy Rolls, etc." The surviving Assessments for Norfolk are contained within seventeen separate piece numbers in class E 179. (By 'Assessments' I mean lists of names; I do not include Accounts, which will be found in a separate class called E 360).

These seventeen piece numbers were assembled in the nineteenth century from an amorphous mass of documents; but between the seventeenth and the nineteenth centuries many membranes of the original parchment rolls had been lost or had become dispersed. Mistakes were made in assembly, so a single piece may consist of incomplete parts of several Assessments; and an Assessment (for example, that of Michaelmas 1664) may survive dispersed within several separate pieces.

I list the seventeen piece numbers below, in numerical order, and indicate their contents. A fuller description of the contents of the first fourteen pieces, giving place-names, may be found in my articles in The Norfolk Ancestor, issues for September and December 1980, June and September 1981, and June 1982. The Assessment for Michaelmas 1664 has been published as Volume 15 of Norfolk Genealogy.

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| E 179/154/696: | (2 fos.) | 2 paper exemption certificates:
<u>Nov. 1671</u> and <u>Dec. 1671.</u> |
| E 179/154/697: | (53 mems.) | The Exchequer Duplicate Roll for the county of Norfolk (but not including Norwich), <u>Michaelmas 1672.</u> |