



The Domesday Book entry for Ringmore

It is in the Domesday Book that we get the first mention of Ringmore, whose entry reads:

Ralph holds RINGMORE [near Bigbury] from Iudichael. Heca held it TRE, and it paid geld for 1½ hides. There is land for 6 ploughs. In demesne are 2 ploughs, and 2 slaves; and 6 villans and 6 bordars with 3 ploughs, and 6 acres of meadow and 2 acres of pasture. Formerly, as now, worth 30s.

'TRE' means 'in the time of Edward the Confessor'. 'Geld' was the geldum tax, paid on the number of hides (a unit of area). 'Plough' means a plough team with its eight oxen and the plough itself.