

**Modification Order Application for an Additional Footpath
through Witcombe Farm, Parish of Great Witcombe
Summary of Documentary Evidence**

Inclosure Award

None.

Tithe map, 1837 (GDR/T1/200)

Area shown, claimed route not shown.

Ordnance Survey 25": 1 mile, 1884 edition, sheet nos: 34/6,10.

The majority of the claimed route is shown as a feature on the ground by a single pecked line running close to the field boundary. A short section of the claimed route at the southern end is shown by double-pecked lines. The route is closed at both ends and runs through plot number 37. The status of the route is undefined (see photocopies 1a and 1b).

1st edition 1": 1 mile Ordnance Survey map, 1817 (ROL).

The claimed route is not obviously shown.

Bryant, Map of Gloucestershire, 1824.

A route is shown which appears to follow a similar alignment to that of the claimed route, but runs to the east of Witcombe Farm (whereas the claimed route runs to the west of Witcombe Farm). The northern half of the route appears to be marked by full lines and the southern half by double pecked lines. The route is coloured white, which, on Bryant's colour key indicates that he regards it as a "lane or bridleway" (see photocopy 2).

Inland Revenue, maps compiled under the Finance Act, 1910, based on Ordnance Survey 25": 1 mile, c. 1902 edition, marked up by Inland Revenue c. 1915, and reference books or files (D2428).

Sheet 34/6 not held. The Great Witcombe portion of sheet 34/10 is not coloured. Therefore form 37 (D2428/2/82) has not been checked.

Maps deposited with County Planning Officer under Rights of Way Act, 1932 S1, 3 (CP/D).

Nothing relevant.

Parish Council file, Rights of Way Act, 1932.

Nothing deposited.

Private estate maps

D2607 – Map showing roads and tracks in Great and Little Witcombe. Only the southern section of the route leading easterly to Witcombe Farm is shown and is marked by full lines, but the status of the route is otherwise undefined.

D2299/L79 – Sales particulars of Witcombe Estate 1929. The claimed route is shown running through lot 10 on the map accompanying the sale. It is marked by a red pecked line between points X and W on the map (point X is where the claimed route begins and point W is where it ends) and then continues in a westerly and south-westerly direction, following the alignment of existing public footpath AWG 4 (see photocopy 3a). The accompanying particulars for lot 10 say that the Corporation of Gloucester have a right of way over the roadway marked between X and W on the map for which they make a payment each year to the tenant of Witcombe Farm and supply materials for the maintenance of this road. It also says that a right of way between points T, U, V, W and X is reserved for the owner of Witcombe Wood for the removal of timber. It adds, “the right of way shall be used for loaded timber only” (see photocopy 3b).

Footpath or highway diversion orders deposited with Clerk of the Peace (Q/SRh).

Currently missing.

District Council Clerk’s correspondence.

Nothing appears relevant.

County Council Solicitor’s correspondence (K596/27/1).

1949 Act objection file. Checked but not relevant.

County Surveyor: papers relating to survey of footpaths under National Parks and Access to Countyside Act, 1949 (K687).

K687/1/2/13 – Original submission map and award. Route not claimed.

K687/2/1/45 – Objection file. Not relevant.

K687/3/3 – Provisional map. Route not claimed.